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By Order of the Committee,
P. W. EPHGRAVE,
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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Shanghai Horticultural Society will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, at 250 Kiangse Road, by kind permission of Sir Elly Kadoorie & Sons.

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MARCH

21 International (Y.W.C.A.) Business Girls' Dinner, A.W.C., 6.30
21 Vladimir Havsky in a Piano Concert at the Lyceum, 9
21 For. Y. Lecture: 'Social Responsibility of the Engineer,' 9
22 S.S.P.C.A. Bridge/Mahjongg, AWC, 3
22 Theosophical Society, 75 Jessfield Road, Public Lecture, 6
22 German A.D.C. 'Parkstrasse 13,' Lyceum, 9
22 1st Annual Dinner Dance, Missouri Society of China, Farren's Nursery
23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Western (Extra-Settlement) Association ann. gen. meeting, 27 The Bund, 5
23 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
23 V. Valin's gala performance, 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera by F. Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
23 B.U.S.C. Lecture by Dr. Blakelock on 'Immunity' at 114 Peking Road, at 6
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Social Service vs. Faith,' 9
24 'A' Coy., S.V.C., Annual Dance, C.S.F.
25 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
25 'The 12 Jolly Ones,' songs, dance and humour, American Women's Club, 9
25 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
26 'Blue Mazurka,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
26 Municipal Orchestra Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
27 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
28 B.U.S.C., Literary: 'Hebrew Poetry' by Rev. Brown, 4B Medhurst Apts., 5.30
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
29 K.D.S. Ann. mtg. at 158 Edinburgh Rd., Tea 4.30, Business 5.30
29 Union Ch. ann. mtg. and supper, 7.30
29 Ex-Gunners' Dinner, Cockpit
30 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
30 For. Y. Debate: 'Machine Enslaves Mankind,' 9
31 S'hai R.U.F.C. Dance, Country Club
31 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture. 330 Szechuen Road, 9

APRIL

1 21st Anniv. Formation R.A.F. and R.A.F.A. Reunion. Dinner, 'The Dome'
1 Oxford & Cambridge Society Dinner
5 Cathedral School Old Boys' Assn. Annual Dinner, Air Defence Club
6 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
6 Rummage Sale, U.C. Hall, Limbless Fund
6 S.W.A. Meeting, C.S.F., 4
6 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture, 5.30
6 Reel Club Dance, Race Club, 8
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To the Editor of the
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SIR,—As a Portuguese I have no acquaintance with the sudden appearance of a national Residents' Association, the so-called Associacao dos Residentes Portugueses de Shanghai. Actually, as a matter of fact, I know not when it was legally constituted as a national institution, and where is its whereabout, whether in the French Concession or in the International Foreign Settlement of Shanghai. If it is in the French Concession we need another similar corporation, differing only in size and position.

Nevertheless, not being a member of the above society I am completely shut out and debarred from the enjoyment of attending the meeting called for by the committee and to associate myself with my compatriots in a well-deserved demonstration of respect and regard to our Consul on the eve of his departure from Shanghai.

I am consequently, in a sad quandary and being thus confronted with a dilemma as to the difficulty to determine what course to pursue, I wish to know if there is anyone who can help me out of this unpleasant and unfortunate predicament.

ONE LOST IN A PATHLESS MAZE.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

Charity Football: Result of Match

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will you kindly publish through your valuable columns the attached financial statement for the third charity football match played at the Canidrome on March 12 between Tung Hwa Team and the Clube Lusitano.

We wish again to mention our thanks to Canidrome management for the use of their ground free of charge, and to Mr. H. J. Tsu who offered us the highest bid at the auction of the ball.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE, SHANGHAI.
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Shanghai, Mar. 18.

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Those Flags: A Touch of Curiosity

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Re no flag on mast of Astor House yesterday; correct, there was no flag. But I wonder why the Union Jack was flown one third of the way from the truck at the Broadway Mansions all day yesterday, March 17.

CURIOUS.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.

The King in His Beauty

Sermon Preached by Dean Trivett at Mattins in the Cathedral on March 12

TEXT:—*"Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty."* Isaiah 33: 17.

Special hymns were chosen this morning in recognition of the presence of members of the Junior Communicant Fellowship and of the Cathedral Children's Service, who join with us on this second Sunday morning. The whole congregation is expected to join in the hymns, and I feel that you have done so this morning. Hymn singing is a very important part of our corporate worship, and has been since the very earliest days in the Christian Church. Three of the earliest Christian hymns are included in our Church of England services of morning and evening prayer. They were first sung at the birth of Jesus—The Song of Zaccherias, the song of Mary and of Simon. We call them the Canticles, or individually by the Latin name taken from the first word of each, "The Benedictus," "The Magnificat," and "The Nunc Dimittis." The other Canticle that we use every Sunday morning, "The Venite," is still older for it is taken from the Old Testament. And then every Sunday at both our morning and evening services we sing selections from the Book of Psalms, many of which were as you know written by King David, 3,000 years or more ago. But most of our hymns are comparatively modern. I should think the average age of the hymns in our book would not be much more than 100 years. Many of them were written less than fifty years ago. The three we have sung this morning were all written by the same person. The Author, or Authoress, for the writer was a lady, was Cecil Frances Humphreys. She was born in the year 1823 and at the age of 27 married a clergyman who later became an Archbishop, Dr. Alexander, the Archbishop of Armagh in Ireland.

Mrs. Alexander wrote in all about 400 hymns and poems, and about a dozen of them are in our hymn book. She is chiefly remembered for her children's hymns. She wrote them in the first place for the children of her husbands' Sunday School. One of the best known—"There is a Green Hill Far Away," was specially written for a sick member of her own class. Later she was persuaded to print her hymns in book form, and the book, or one of them, for she published several, called "Hymns for Little Children," proved so popular that it was reprinted no less than seventy times. Incidentally it will interest you to know that the profits from her books of children's hymns she gave for the support of an Irish school for deaf and dumb children. The five we know best, and sing most often are:

All things Bright and Beautiful.
Do no Sinful Action.
We are but Little Children Weak.
Once in Royal David's City. *AND*
There is a Green Hill Far Away.

It is the first of which I wish to speak this morning, and with particular reference to one very important truth it suggests. But before I begin, just a word about the need of understanding the meaning of what we say or sing in order that we may praise God as we should. I remember talking to some children in a room not so very far away. They had just sung very lustily a favourite hymn which begins, "I'm a little Pilgrim, and a stranger here." I asked for someone to tell me what the word "Pilgrim" meant, but no-one knew. And I'm afraid we grown-ups too, often sing just for the harmony without a thought of the meaning of the words we sing, or why we sing them.

Let me tell you a story to illustrate the importance of attention and understanding in our praise of God. There was once a community of monks who led pious and useful lives, but were sorely distressed because no one of them could sing in tune. Daily they met in their chapel and went through the Magnificat and other Canticles with all their heart, but with harsh and croaky voices. One day there came to the Abbey a young monk who had a most beautiful voice, and that night at Evensong while he sang, the others silently listened. That night in a dream, an angel came to the old Abbot and inquired why the Magnificat had not been sung that evening, as its music had not reached Heaven. Then the Abbot knew that the young monk had been singing thoughtlessly and perhaps proudly, but not with love in his heart for God, while the singing of the others harsh though their voices might be, was acceptable and pleasing to God, because their song went up to him from their hearts. Then let us think of what we sing, and remember that we are singing to God our Heavenly Father who loves us and has given us so much for which we should thank and praise Him.

The hymn we sang a few minutes ago illustrates what I mean. With its repetition of the first verse as a chorus it is one of the brightest and happiest of all our children's hymns. At the top of the hymn in your books you will see these words, "The Lord made all things." And that is a key to the teaching of the hymn.

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All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.

Yes, our loving Heavenly Father made the world, and He made it bright and beautiful, and before sin entered in, all was good, very good. Now you know that some useful things are not all beautiful. They are efficient and serviceable, but that is the best you can say for them. And did you ever think that God might have made the world as a place where life might flourish, harvests ripen, and the seasons pass, without a fraction of the beauty we see all about us. But not only did he make provision for our life and development, but he made the world wonderfully beautiful. He gave us the flowers with their glorious colouring and fragrance, the singing of the birds, with all their brilliant plumage and graceful flight. This Mrs. Alexander bids us remember,—

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
He made their tiny wings.

He made man, and endowed him with the ability to think and plan. To each of us he has given gifts, talents we call them, using the imagery of one of our Lord's parables. The number of talents we possess is not nearly so important as the use we make of them. We are equally precious in God's sight whether we are gifted with many talents or few. God wants us to be useful and contented. I think that is what the poet means in the verse which is so often misunderstood. God wants us to be happy, and to serve him, not to be jealous of others and striving to out do them. And to remember that wealth does not always bring true happiness,—uneasy lies the head that wears any crown. The great thing is to be happy and contented wherever God calls us to labour for him.

The rich man in his castle
The poor man at his gate
God made them high or lowly
And ordered their estate.

The poet turns again to the wonderful world in which we live. In so many words she says, look at nature, and through nature to God. Think what God has given us so bountifully to enjoy.—The glory of the sunset, the beauty of the morning light, the mountains towering heavenward, the rivers bringing life to the thirsty plains. He made them all. He gave us the seed time and the harvest. He draws the curtain of night that we may rest. He gives the winter which the earth lies fallow and stores up new energy. Then again he wakens it and everything grows, and brings forth the harvest upon which man depends for his life. All is his purposeful creation.

Sometimes we cannot understand when the sun is hidden, and the cold winds blow, and life is a struggle, but, again the sun shines, and the summer of our hopes comes with new life and growth. Perhaps it is just to strengthen our faith, teaching us that we should never forget he is behind it all. Not only the creator of all, but as well, our loving Heavenly Father. All has its place in his wise purpose,

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
He made them everyone.

But most important of all is the last verse. After pointing out many good things God has given us to enjoy, the poet sums all up in that last verse with its clear call to praise him for his mercies

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has done all things well.

God made this beautiful world for us to live in and to enjoy, but he meant it to be to each one of us a constant reminder of his love, and his will. So often we take it all as a matter of course, and forget him. We become so used to it, that we even fail to see the glory and the beauty of it.

I once travelled through the Canadian Rockies with a man who spent nearly all his time picking out letters on a typewriter, when there, spread before his eyes, as the train moved along, was some of the most wonderful and awe-inspiring scenery in the world.

A well-known writer tells us about a company of young people whom he saw in Rome. It was their first visit. Morning after morning they arose with the opportunity of a life time before them. They might visit St. Peter's or the Colosseum, or the Forum. The Eternal City was at their disposal. They might in imagination have seen Caesar and his legions march past in triumph, or the Christian martyrs standing together in the arena of the Colosseum, or St. Paul entering at one of the gates of the city. All this they might have done. What they did do, was to settle down in their hotel to long mornings at cards. They made the mistake of the cat in the old nursery rhyme. Let me remind you of it. It goes something like this I think,

Pussy cat, pussy cat where have you been
I've been to London to see the Queen
Pussy cat, pussy cat what saw you there
I hunted a little mouse under a chair.

It was a silly little cat. It saw nothing. With all London to feast its eyes upon, with a Queen to gaze at, it just indulged its low taste. In that amazing moment it did what it could equally well have done without leaving its home. It hunted a mouse. It made of life's great hour, an occasion for indulging in a mere appetite.

But are we not just as blind and foolish. We have come into God's house this morning. We have taken part in a service which has been hallowed by the worship of generations of our forefathers, joined in the Canticles and Psalms that have been the comfort and the inspiration of the Saints and Martyrs of years gone by, read lessons that were read in the Temple at Jerusalem 3,000 years ago, and the immortal story of the New Testament. Have our minds been wandering? Our thoughts as far away from the meaning and the beauty of it as those of whom I have been speaking, the traveller through the Rockies, or the visitors to the Eternal City? Have we come into God's House and our minds been back in home or school, or office.

Let me tell you one more story. A great preacher tells us that in his church the entrance to the pulpit was through curtains. He wondered why a wee girl in his congregation used to watch with such eager eyes for the instant when the curtains parted, and the clergyman entered. Then he learned the secret. She thought the clergyman came straight from the presence of God. With parted lips and beating heart she awaited the moment when the curtains moved. Who knew but that she might catch the gleam of an angel's wing.

And I suggest to you that all our worship in this house should be marked by just such expectancy,—remembering that we have come to meet Him of Whom we read in the Lessons, whose praise we sing in the Psalm and Canticle and Hymn, and to Whom we pray. For if we are not alert and expectant the King may pass and we miss Him. My prayer for you all this morning is that your "eyes may see the King in His beauty."

BY SAPAJOU

Mr. W. Krause

Acting President of the German A.D.C. whose next show takes place on Wednesday.

Japanese-French Trade Relation Fixed

"Fundamental Understanding" Said Reached

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

A "fundamental understanding," as a temporary measure to improve trade relations between Japan and France—at least pending the conclusion of an amicable trade agreement for which negotiations are now under way—is reported to have been reached between the two countries.

The understanding, it is said, is to the effect that Japan and France will each make an effort to import goods from the other as much as possible on the principle of trade compensation.

Trade negotiations came to a deadlock at the end of last year owing to differences in the views of the two countries. In an attempt to break this deadlock, both countries are reported to have made concessions, whereby Japan will increase her imports of machinery, salt, phosphate, ore and other things, while France will continue to be as fair as ever in her decision on the quota placed upon Japanese goods, including canned salmon.

Negotiations for an amicable trade agreement, it is stated, will be continued.—Reuter.

Pope Receives Prague Archbishop

Rome, Mar. 16.

Cardinal Kasper, Archbishop of Prague, was received in private audience by Pope Pius XII at the Vatican this afternoon.

The Holy Father also received the Queen Mother and the Crown Prince of the Belgians.—Trans-Ocean.

Handing Over of District Court

City Government Official Replies to Memo of S.M.C. Officer; Asserts Rights

An Official of the "City Government of Greater Shanghai" makes public the views of his government regarding the reply of an officer of the S.M.C. to the memorandum sent some time ago by Mr. Fu Siao-en, Mayor of the "City Government" to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The opinion reads as follows:—

It is stated that the question of handing over the First Special District Court to the jurisdiction of the City Government was a matter entirely for the Consular Body and the Powers who signed the agreement whereby the Court was handed over to the National Government of China. I think that the Mayor is representing the actual *de facto* Chinese Government in Shanghai and claims to be, as such, the duly authorized representative entitled to the right to taking over the said Court and wishes to make it known that the City Government has no objection and as a matter of fact is ready and willing to see the said agreement under the same terms and conditions working as usual, provided the right is extended to the City Government to make the necessary appointments of judges, to provide for the payment of the salaries of the same and to exercise such authority over the Court within its jurisdiction as from 1927 up to now exercised by the Chiang Kai-shek Government.

Now it is up to the Consular Body to find a way to meet the request of this City Government. If not, it is only fair for the City Government to follow the old steps of the Chiang Kai-shek Government, as in the time of 1927 when his Government had not yet been fully recognized by the Powers, but without any hesitation and exchange of opinion, his Government took over the Court by its own will, without any redress. So it is only logical that this City Government decides to follow such old steps.

Question of Land Office Files

It is correct and evidently admitted by the Council that the files, certificates and other documents of the former Land Office of the former Municipality of Greater Shanghai were deposited with the S. M. C. at the outbreak of hostilities. Since the City Government has reopened its Land Bureau under its jurisdiction and control, and has appointed Mr. Van, wellknown to the Councils, through whose hands and in whose capacity as a departmental head of former Land Office that the same files, certificates and documents were entrusted to S. M. C. for custody, I see no reason why the Council should and could refuse to hand back to the City Government the said files, certificates and other documents against the Council's own receipts, as such receipts are now in the hands of this City Government.

The more so this is necessary in order to restore the former situation and to enable normal land transactions and transfers of property which will contribute to the re-establishment of sound and profitable conditions on the estate market in Shanghai and thereby to the general prosperity of the community.

Great Western Road Sub-Station

It is stated that the matter of re-opening the police sub-station on Great Western Road was one which concerned the British military authorities who had closed the depot. The British military authorities evidently function in the district in question on the invitation of the Shanghai Municipal Council who are still ruling the Settlement and it therefore ought to be rather a simple matter for these authorities to give the necessary instructions to the British military authorities to restore it.

It seems that the Council is finally going to give the necessary consideration to the question of forbidding the hoisting of flags of the Kuomintang and National Government and in this respect I, on behalf of this City Government, only wish to draw attention to the effective action taken on March 12 by the French Municipal authorities which has shown and proved their impartiality in this matter in forbidding the hoisting of any flag, for the peace and order of the French Concession. It is up to the Council to adopt the same effective steps as the French Municipal authorities in order to secure the peace and order of the Settlement in the near future.

Seventy Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS" OF MARCH 20, 1869

The natives of India will never cease to derive glory and gratification from Sir John Lawrence's retiring allusion to them. "That without the aid of the people of the country, we could never have weathered the storm of 1857." And the Shom Prukash, responding for "20 crores of Indians" is very characteristic. "The natives," he observes, "still believe the English to be the most noble and just nation in the world. Should all the troops in India, both European and native, rise in mutiny supported by Russia, with 400,000 troops, yet India could not be wrested from the British power, her subjects would rise with one mind, and defend its rights, or dies in its cause."

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A London Letter

By Olive Dun

London, Feb. 19.

That remarkable woman Mrs. Borders, widely known as the modern Portia, certainly must have first place this week. She was sued by the Bradford Third Equitable Building Society for being in arrears with her payments on a small house in Kent which she was buying on a loan by the Society. She counterclaimed on the ground that she had been deceived as to the quality of the house, which she said was not fit to live in, and that the Society had taken security from the builders as well as from herself for the loan, which she said the law did not allow it to do.

Mrs. Borders is the wife of a taxi-driver; one might have thought her, as the Sanhedrin said of St. Peter, "unlearned and ignorant." She nevertheless fought her own case for 18 days with extraordinary skill and was repeatedly complimented by the Judge. He took some weeks to consider his judgement, and Mrs Borders went to hear it in a new dress and very smart beret. Hundreds of people vainly fought to get in and hear the judgement too.

The crux of the case was that Mrs Borders and her husband swore that the mortgage deed which the Society produced was not the one they had signed and that it omitted an important clause in her favour. And the Judge found that the Society had not proved that its mortgage deed was the one signed by Mrs. Borders! So the whole of the Society's case fell to the ground.

On the other hand the Judge found that the house was as bad as Mrs. Borders had said, but on the legal point she raised he could not agree that the Society had acted irregularly. So she lost on her counter-claim. Nobody wins and no one gets any prizes.

But it is certainly a moral victory for Mrs Borders. She says she is going to appeal on that legal point, which appears to be one of great importance for the number of building societies formed in recent years, when everyone wants a house without paying cash for it. But what she really should do is to be called to the Bar at once. She would soon be making enough money to buy up the building society instead of fighting it.

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That Spring Feeling

I had not realized how widely the old fashion of tending Valentines has come back until, the day before St. Valentine's, I went into a stationer's shop in Chancery Lane, the heart of the legal world not usually given to love letters. The counter was thronged with city clerks buying Valentine cards all adorned with hearts, lace edges and the soupiest dedications. There were large boxes of these tributes and they were emptying rapidly. So evidently our maidens are growing more sentimental. (Has it ever occurred to you that men are the really sentimental sex?) A few years ago a girl receiving a Valentine would have sent it back with an inscription inviting the swain to have a banana.

Indeed spring is in the air. The usually blank period between chrysanthemums and daffodils when flowers are ruinous is being ended by the flower specials which the Great Western Railway runs to bring violets, daffodils and narcissi from the Scillies and Channel Isles. These islands have cut deeply into the former continental flower trade. Last year the Great Western brought over 5,000 tons of flowers to London, which was 1,300 more than the year before. Soon we shall be getting the big supplies from Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire, besides driblets from other countries. It would be interesting to know how much London spends on flowers in a year. New York perhaps beats it, relatively to its size if not actually, but no continental city. Foreign housewives are too thrifty for such extravagance. But for the Anglo-Saxon flowers are a necessity. It is the surviving streak in his nature from those first ancestors who hated and distrusted towns.

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Many Inventions

A most amusing exhibition is being held in the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, where all the descendants of the White Knight are showing their inventions. Of course numbers of them have been fascinated by the possibilities of A.R.P., and have produced blinds that draw themselves when the light is switched on, a gas-proof perambulator and a collapsible gas-proof room. But there are more amusing, more everyday things than that.

It is curious to see how often invention shows itself in matters quite outside the inventor's business. For example a solicitor invents a patent method of cooking tinned food, a furniture shopman invents a non-slipping horseshoe and a restaurant keeper invents a means of concentrating shot and thus lengthening the range of a gun.

Meanwhile women stick to their own sphere and produce all sorts of ingenious devices—a toasting fork which toasts both sides of the bread without its having to be removed from the prongs, a scrubbing brush fed with liquid soap through a tubular handle, and a grape fruit eater, in the form of a glass dome with a hole through which the spoon is inserted. By turning the hole away from herself the grape fruit eater is safe from being splashed with the juice. What happens to other people at table is not mentioned.

But the prize exhibit is surely a fork so designed that granular foods are easily conveyed to the mouth, and meat is held firmly on the plate without elevating the handle. So no more need of using the blade of the knife in eating peas.

It is a sad thought that not one per cent of all these inventions ever gets on the market and when it does, ten to one it is not the inventor but some astute middleman who makes the money. If you want an invention to sell well it must be something quite simple and cheap, like the tin cap to put on a pencil for carrying in the pocket, which reaped a fortune for the people who first produced it. But your real inventor cares nothing for money, the joy of production is enough. I suppose the man or woman who first thought of eggs and bacon got nothing much for the idea. But think of the vast sums of money which this combination must have yielded to somebody.

Crime Stories Defended

A little time ago the well-known book reviewer Howard Spring was violently attacking the passion for detective stories, which he said were a mere narcotic, of the trashiest kind, which effectually killed the taste for good literature. So it is only right that Miss Dorothy Sayers, admittedly the leading writer of detective books, should speak up for them. Primarily she defended the writing of such stories on highly moral grounds, saying that they were the only class in which virtue was consistently more attractive than vice, while the necessity of making the detective popular as well as successful was unanswerable evidence that virtue need not be dull and unattractive.

Miss Sayers told us also something about the Detection Club, whose members pledge themselves to show the reader every clue that the detective sees, not to make undue use of hypotism, trap-doors, mysterious Chinese and poisons unknown to science, not to bag each other's plots, and as far as in them lies to write the King's English.

Some of these pledges obviously concern the reader more than others do. Any device which is outside the range of ordinary experience (the mysterious poisons for instance) make the whole story artificial and kill one's interest. And one feels cheated if the murderer proves to be some one not on the stage from the very beginning.

It is odd that all detective stories nowadays must centre in a murder. Sherlock Holmes's adventures (and surely there is an indefinable something about them which no later rivals have surpassed) only deal in a few instances with murder. Robbery, forgery and false impersonation gave him and his reader just as good a run for their money. Perhaps our demand for murder now is the expression of suppressed homicidal instincts. That would wreck Miss Sayers' claim for the morality of thriller writing.

But she brings to her aid a Hungarian critic who observes that it is only in English-speaking countries that detective stories flourish, and attributes it to the peculiarly judicial mind of the Anglo-Saxon enabling him to see both sides of a question and to weigh the pros and cons. This is one for Howard Spring. When we read a detective story we are not drugging our minds but sharpening our judicial faculty.

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Doing Good by Stealth

The death of a lady who inherited £1,000,000 from her father and left under £90,000 has naturally excited curiosity as to what she did with the rest. The explanation, brought to light tnrough a friend who was sworn to secrecy while the lady lived, is rather beautiful.

She was a Mrs St. George, daughter of an American who was known as the Sphinx of Wall Street, who left 15 millions, one of them to his daughter. That was eight years ago and since then Mrs. St. George had simply given away more than £100,000 a year. Nobody but ner secretary, who managed all her business, and the friend now quoted knew of her enormous benefactions. Mrs St. George was very careful about the deserts of any charity she helped but once satisfied she gave largely and never allowed her name to appear as donor. She had a house in Kensington and a cottage in the Isle of Wight, but the only interest in which she spent rather liberally for herself was her art collection. But this never cost a tithe of what she gave away. She left her secretary, who had been with her 20 years, £1,000 a year and various furniture. And when the estate is wound up and debts settled, it does not look as if there would be much more than that. A wonderful record.

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Farewell and Hail

Our household recently came to that sad day when the decision is forced upon one that it is really kindest that an old and much loved dog should be passed painlessly to another world. Angela the Cairn had been so remarkably healthy all her life, and even at 13 seemed so hale, that we could hardly believe it. Then all of a sudden she cracked up. Kidney disease set in as often in little dogs; at Christmas she was still revelling in the snow, by the end of January she could only creep about and was obviously wholly miserable. There was but the one way of it. One knows that it is the kindest way and yet how hard it is to believe it. Why does one give one's heart to a dog?

Since Angela went, we have acquired a 3½ months old Cairn puppy. He is a compound of eels, electricity and devilishness. Though his pedigree is irreproachable there must be some remote simian strain in him, and if you hooked him on the branch of a tree by his tail (it would just be long enough) I am sure he would swing happily. Every electric flex in the house has had to be disconnected lest he should electrocute himself chewing it. He has eaten a large piece out of the kitchen linoleum, and we spend our time putting biteable things on the top of bookshelves and chests of drawers. Why does one give one's heart to a dog?

When peeling onions rub a little butter on your fingers. This will prevent the unpleasant smell from "clinging" to them.

When wine or fruit juice is spilt on the table-cloth, cover at once with salt from the cruet. The stain will come out easily when the cloth is washed.

China's "Joan of Arc"

Miss Yang Hui-ming has a price upon her head. She joined up with Chinese guerilla fighters when she was 14. After fighting in Manchuria, she worked as a spy among the Japanese. Her father and mother, six sisters and two brothers have vanished since the outbreak of the present hostilities. The picture show her at Victoria Station before she left London to return to China.

A. W. C.

Members of the American Women's Club are reminded of the meeting on Tuesday (tomorrow) afternoon. At 2.45 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Membership Committee; at 3.30 the Executive Board will meet; at 4 p.m. there will be tea, after which a talk will be given by the Rev. C. B. Day, his subject being "Paper Gods of the Peasant Cults." He will illustrate his talk with pictures of the paper gods.

A. A. U. W.

The next meeting of the American Association of University Women will be held at the Y.W.C.A., 999 Bubbling Well Road, on Thursday next, when the Rev. J. A. Williamson, Chaplain of the Seaforth Highlanders, has consented to give a talk, illustrated by cinema films, on "With the British Troops during the Trouble in Palestine in 1936." Tea will be served from four o'clock, and the talk will commence at about five.

B. W. A.

Monday, Mar. 20.—Badminton. Needlecraft Section at 753 Yu Yuen Road, Flat 7-A, from 2 to 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Mar. 21.—Hospital Aid Department from 9 to noon.
Wednesday, Mar. 22.—Badminton. Executive Committee Meeting 9.45 a.m.
Friday, Mar. 24.—Badminton. Gardening Section Visit Mr. Butt's Garden, Lane 125, 10 Kinnear Road. Talk on "Small Garden Planning" 10 a.m.

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A Vexed Problem of Beauty

Shall We Use Cream or Soap and Water?

Many women find it very difficult to decide which cleansing medium is best suited for their skin. Some make fabulous statements regarding the use of cold cream, whilst others are equally as positive that soap and water is best. Both of these media are good. It is a matter of intelligent use and skin study.

Our pores cannot breathe when they are clogged, therefore they must be cleansed, and all particles of dirt and grime removed. Soap and water is excellent for this purpose, as there is no other agent which will more quickly gather up the particles of dirt, and seek the grime from the tiny crevices and pores, than soap. It will dissolve and remove natural oil and perspiration, and will kill many kinds of bacteria.

But if you use the wrong soap, or water which is too hard, your skin will be ruined.

Cold cream can also claim very many advantages. The surface of the skin must be lubricated if it is to retain its suppleness. The dry, sensitive skin must be renourished, and soap and water cannot do this. On some types of skin soap has a tendency to make the skin peel. In cases like this cream is then the best.

We can see, therefore, that neither method can claim many advantages over its rival. It is purely a matter of skin condition, and it is here that your own intelligence is requred.

Soap-suds

First let us deal with soap, and see if it will suit your skin.

If your skin is normal you can wash it twice a day with warm water and any pure soap. The lather will remove all the dirt and germs and dissolve the oily film which has caked the skin. As soon as the skin is clean it will then replace its own oil.

If your skin is very dry, and chaps easily in winter, or peels in summer, you should then use an oil soap, and after the skin has been dried you should then pat in a good nourishing cream. As we age this dryness will become more marked, and it may then be necessary to forgo the use of soap, and to use cold cream only. When you know that you will be going out for the day, and that the skin will be exposed, you should then always use a protective cream prior to applying your make-up.

An oily skin can be washed with soap and water several times a day without any ill effect. And, after the bathing, the skin should always receive a final rinse with cold water. This will act as an astringent, and will help to retard the activities of the oil ducts.

A greasy skin can always stand plenty of vigorous treatment, and an astringent lotion can be applied at least once a day.

Cleansing Essential

Many beauty specialists advocate the use of cream only on the face, and base their claim on the fact that the skin over the face is very thin and fragile. Although this is quite true, it must also be borne in mind that, unless the skin is thoroughly cleansed, blackheads, open pores, and many other skin blemishes will result.

It is practically agreed that soap, although it may be a trifle drying, is the best cleansing agent.

As neither cream nor soap can claim a preponderance of advantages over its rival, why not let us combine the two and we will then have a perfect method of cleansing and lubrication. Let us start the day with a good skin cleansing. Use plenty of soap and water, as this will have a stimulating effect and will rid the skin of the fatty and waste matter which it has accumulated during the night. And at night, let us apply our cream, so that its soothing action and nourishing benefits will quietly do their work whilst we sleep. Instead of allowing these two to be rivals, make them combine in the fight for beauty.

Night Tonic

In the morning wash the face in warm water. It must not be too hot, as this will encourage enlarged pores. And finish yuor washing with plenty of cold water. If the skin is very oily, a little eau de Cologne can be added to the water. If you have

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THE SPORTS PAGE

Portugal Conquers Scotland With Remarkable Ease

Seven-One Score Decides Final of International Football Series Here; Scots Disappointing

SCOTLAND'S lion rampant bit the dust badly yesterday when Portugal won the International Soccer series yesterday on the Race Course by seven goals to one. It was not brilliant football on the part of Portugal that carried them to victory but rather the amazing weakness of Scotland's team. The only goal scored by the Jocks was a lucky one, even Cheney himself being surprised when the ball finished up in the net. A very poor defence, lack of speed and co-operation, combined with bad marksmanship and ball control cost them the game. Portugal on the other hand kept up a very high speed throughout and nimbly intercepted the ball at every opportunity.

Even on paper the weaknesses of the Scottish team were apparent when compared with Portugal who fielded almost the entire Lusitano XI.

SCOTLAND:—Sinclair, Gibson, Turner, McAloon, McCusker, Muir, Gilmour, Cheney, Cochran, Fraser, Thompson.

PORTUGAL:—Rosario, Victal, Marcel, Oliviera, Costa, Sousa, J. Remedios, Collaco, Favacho, L. Rosario, C. Remedios.

Scotland Kicks Off

Scotland kicked off but made little headway, Marcel intercepting a pass to Gilmour and sending the ball well down into Scotland's defence where a fight for possession took place. It took Portugal some minutes to settle down and this allowed the Scottish forwards to get into the danger area but Victal and Marcel were too alert and if they could not get the ball down to their own forwards, played safe and put it into touch.

About ten minutes elapsed and then there came a scramble well out in front of Portugal's goal. Suddenly the ball came out to Cheney who took a more or less blind kick at it and the leather soared through the air towards the goal-line. In its flight a gust of wind caught it and drifted it towards the goal. Rosario stared up to see where the ball was and blinded himself with the sun. It was obvious that he could not see the ball until too late and though he made an attempt to get hold of it he was just too late in his effort.

This unexpected goal awakened Portugal who went into the attack but had the sun in their eyes and although many attempts were made to score, the ball either went wide or was stopped by Sinclair. Archie Sinclair tried hard to avert defeat but no goalkeeper can stand up against the constant strain of a ceaseless bombardment from a line of fast moving forwards. After thirty minutes' play Sinclair just failed to effect a magnificent save when Collaco, having robbed Muir of the ball, put in a long high shot to the far corner of the net for the equaliser.

The Scottish forwards never got out of the centre circle with the ball, promptly losing it to Favacho. This speedy forward evaded the half line and was left untackled to make a long run right down into the penalty area where he paused a second before putting in a hard shot that was impossible to save and so gave Portugal the lead.

Portugal Scores

About seven minutes before the end of the first half Scotland's forwards rallied a little and Thompson and Cochran indulged in some shooting but they were soon driven back into their own defence where Collaco cut in and added another goal to the score. A minute to go and Sousa put in a low shot which brought Sinclair to the ground but he missed and Sousa, jumping over the defender, tapped the ball into the net.

With the half-time score standing at four-one against them there was a slight re-arrangement of Scotland's players, Turner going into the half line and Muir dropping back. Portugal kicked off and Favacho and Rosario ran with the ball right through the Scottish defence and scored less than fifteen seconds from the restart.

This shake-up rattled the Scots and their kicking went wild having neither direction nor force. So hard pushed was the defence that Gibson actually scored the sixth goal for Portugal by turning towards his own goal and banging in a hard shot that Sinclair, who was entirely unprepared for such a move, could not possibly stop.

After this Scotland's tactics were purely defensive but about fifteen minutes from the end Favacho again brought Sinclair down in a dive to collect the ball. The goalkeeper could not quite get a grip of the leather and bounced it off the post whence it rebounded into the goal. Scotland made many sallies ino Portugal's half but shooting was weak and hanging onto the ball too long gave the agile defenders every chance to rob the slower Scots and the whistle blew with no more scoring.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Sinclair in Difficulties

Archie Sinclair, Scotland's goalie, tries to save as Bobby Favacho of Portugal advances threateningly on the ball.

A.S.F. Just Beats Tung Hwa

Roboostoff Arrives Late To Save Situation for Ten-Man Team

There was not a lot to choose between the Association Sportif Francaise and Tung Hwa in their First Division meeting at the Canidrome yesterday morning, both sides playing fast scintillating football. The Chinese had a slight superiority at forward, where L. K. Tsi led his line with precise passes to either wing, but the defensive work of A.S.F. amongst whom, Remond, Collet and Jesu were outstanding counteracted the good work of the Chinese forward line, with the result in the French team's favour by the close score of 3-2.

Weather conditions were ideal, about 1,000 spectators witnessing the match, this low number being the only indication of the impending end of the soccer season.

A.S.F. started the game with only ten men afield, "Blondie" Roboostoff arriving on the scene after the game had been in progress for no less than 25 minutes. Previous to his arrival, Tung Hwa had the best of the game, the French team being weak at forward, Jim Ward adopting the role of left half with Jesu dropping into the defence, to assist in holding up the dangerous Tung Hwa forward line.

All the goals scored were from good deliberate shots, the best of the bunch coming from the foot of China who hit the ball into the French goal at a terrific rate from a pass from T. Van.

A.S.F.:—Remond; Collet, Neuborg; Chooklantzeff, Segalin, Jesu; Richard, Bousset, Roboostoff, J. Ward, Monnot.

TUNG HWA:—Zing; Tsiang, Chong; Su, Tsai, Zee; Chia, Sung, Tai, S. H. Van, T. Van.

Tung Hwa Scores First

Tung Hwa won the toss and elected to defend the Eastern end of the ground, although there was not much to be gained from either end.

The Chinese players were in the ascendancy in the opening stages of the play, and after a couple of shots had been saved by Remond, they eventually took the lead from an excellent shot from the outside left, who, brilliantly controlling a pass from Sung, sent the ball into the net with an unstoppable ground shot, leaving Remond helpless.

On the arrival of Roboostoff the French team was able to assume normal positions and immediately set up an attack which was terminated by Pussy Bousset sending the ball into the side rigging of the goal. T. Van again showed that he has a very hard shot when he tested Remond with a drive which the goalkeeper did well to prevent entering his goal. In fact, Remond was playing one of his best games of the season, whilst the Chinese goalkeeper, a newcomer to the first team, on his display in this game showed that he is a very capable reserve for his more well-known club-mate Darwin Chow.

Goal of the Match

In the thirty-eighth minute, Tung Hwa went further ahead with the goal of the match scored by Chia. The winger met a cross from T. Van and hit a full volley at a terrific pace into the back of the goal, Remond not having time even to prepare himself to save the shot. The Tung Hwa keeper proved his mettle by saving a goal from Roboostoff, when it looked odds on a score, the goalie picking the ball virtually from the foot of the centre-forward within a couple of yards of his goal.

Jim Ward reduced the lead with a great drive from 25 yards following a passing movement by Monnot and Roboostoff. The interval whistle found Tung Hwa taking a free kick from just outside the penalty area, the ball being blocked by Neuborg, the score at that time being 2-1 in Tung Hwa's favour.

On the restart the Chinese team pressed for a time and seemed likely to increase their advantage, but, in an effort to find a hole in the French defence through which to shoot, indulged in too much close passing with the result that Collet got his boot to the ball and cleared up the situation with a big kick upfield.

In the seventeenth minute Pussy Bousset scored the equaliser. Although being tackled by Chong, he managed to place the ball into the net with a difficult cross shot from close to the goal line.

Roboostoff apparently questioned a referee's decision and ended with his name being taken by the official. At this period A.S.F. were definitely on top, and Jim Ward made the issue safe for his side by kicking a splendid goal from a corner kick taken by Monnot, after the Chinese had conceded a corner from a great shot from Bousset.

Both teams kept up the pressure until the final whistle, but Tung Hwa was unable to penetrate the A.S.F. defence, in which Collet played a very cool and calculating game.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Arm Upraised in Defence of Portugal

Punching clear from a corner kick is Rozario, Portugal's goalie in yesterday's final of the International Cup at the Race Course in which Scotland was defeated before an immense crowd. From left to right: Souza, A. Rozario, Cheney, Victal and Gilbert.

Home Soccer Tables

English League

ENGLISH LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	32	22	5	5	71	26	47
Wolvernampton	32	17	8	7	63	26	42
Derby	34	17	7	10	58	43	41
Aston Villa	33	15	7	11	62	45	37
Middlesborough	33	15	7	11	69	56	37
Charlton	33	16	5	12	57	48	37
Arsenal	33	13	9	11	42	33	35
Stoke	34	13	9	12	58	57	35
Liverpool	33	11	11	11	51	54	33
Grimsby	33	12	9	12	47	57	33
Bolton	31	10	11	10	52	46	31
Preston	31	11	9	11	43	49	31
Sunderland	32	12	7	13	44	51	31
Leeds	32	12	7	13	50	57	31
Manchester	33	9	12	12	45	56	30
Brentford	32	11	7	14	44	60	29
Portsmouth	32	8	12	12	35	52	28
Blackpool	32	8	11	13	40	56	27
Huddersfield	32	10	6	16	45	47	26
Chelsea	32	10	6	16	56	66	26
Leicester	34	8	10	16	37	63	26
Birmingham	29	9	5	15	52	70	23

SECOND DIVISION

Blackburn	32	23	5	5	73	45	45
Newcastle	34	17	7	10	54	37	41
West Brom	33	16	6	11	52	61	38
Sheffield U.	32	14	10	8	48	36	38
Coventry	32	16	6	10	49	53	38
Luton T.	32	17	4	11	64	50	38
Tottenham	33	14	9	10	53	46	37
Burnley	36	14	8	13	41	44	36
Sheffield W.	31	15	6	10	63	49	36
Chesterfield	32	14	8	10	51	41	36
Fulham	31	13	9	9	49	39	35
Manchester	32	15	4	13	78	67	34
Millwall	33	12	10	11	59	45	34
Bradford	33	10	12	11	50	61	32
West Ham.	32	12	7	13	60	46	31
Plymouth	32	12	6	14	47	45	30
Bury	34	10	9	15	54	63	29
Southampton	33	10	8	15	44	59	28
Swansea	31	8	10	13	41	61	26
Notts F.	33	6	9	18	39	75	21
Norwich	31	10	1	20	33	78	21
Tranmere	34	4	6	24	34	85	14

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Newport	33	20	7	6	52	28	47
Brignton	33	15	8	10	53	39	38
Crystal Palace	31	18	8	8	56	43	38
Queen's P.R.	32	14	9	9	63	41	37
Reading	33	13	11	9	59	46	37
Watford	32	15	7	10	52	39	37
Bristol City	33	14	8	11	80	47	36
Cardiff	33	13	8	12	47	48	34
Aldershot	32	12	10	10	39	49	34
Notts C.	30	13	7	10	46	36	33
Swindon	32	13	7	12	54	54	33
Northampton	33	13	6	14	48	52	32
Southend	31	12	7	12	55	51	31
Exeter	23	10	9	14	54	78	29
Mansfield	25	10	9	14	37	53	29
Ipswich	31	9	10	12	23	41	28
Torquay	31	10	8	13	49	50	28
Port Vale	32	10	8	14	42	45	28
Bournemouth	25	9	10	13	38	50	28
Bristol Rovers	32	7	10	15	37	43	24
Clapton Orient	31	8	8	15	36	42	24
Walsall	31	6	7	18	35	57	19

THIRD DIVISION (NORTHERN)

Barnsley	33	24	5	4	73	26	53
Doncaster	32	14	12	6	57	39	40
Oldham	34	17	4	13	58	50	38
Southport	30	14	10	6	53	31	38
Bradford City	32	16	6	10	64	43	38
Crewe A.	33	17	3	13	73	53	37
Hull City	33	15	7	11	72	57	37
Stockport	32	15	7	10	68	41	37
Chester	32	14	8	10	71	53	36
Rotherham	34	14	7	14	56	52	35
New Brighton	33	13	7	13	55	57	33
Halifax	33	10	13	10	37	41	33
Earrow	28	13	6	14	51	54	32
Lincoln City	28	11	8	14	55	69	30
Rochdale	28	11	8	14	71	62	30
Wrexham	34	12	6	15	49	70	30
Gateshead	30	10	9	13	58	56	29
Carlisle	32	12	5	16	55	66	29
Darlington	34	10	7	17	52	79	26
Hartlepools	33	10	4	19	48	81	24
York	30	8	7	15	49	65	23
Accrington S.	34	5	4	26	31	85	12

Scottish League

FIRST DIVISION

Rangers	33	23	7	3	103	49	53
Celtic	31	16	7	8	88	46	39
Hearts	33	17	5	11	93	61	39
Queen O'South.	33	16	7	10	61	55	39
Aberdeen	33	17	6	10	80	54	39
Falkirk	33	16	7	10	64	56	39
Hamilton A.	34	16	5	13	58	64	37
St. Johnstone	33	15	5	13	74	76	35
Kilmarnock	32	13	8	11	63	70	34
Motherwell	32	14	5	13	72	73	33
Partick	33	14	4	15	64	75	32
Hibernian	32	12	6	14	64	60	30
Clyde	32	14	3	15	66	64	31
Ayr	33	11	8	14	67	74	30
Third Lanark	31	10	7	14	70	76	28
St. Mirren	32	9	6	17	49	71	24
Arbroath	34	8	8	18	45	72	24
Albion	33	9	5	19	56	86	23
Queen's Park	22	9	5	18	50	75	23
Raith Rovers	33	9	2	22	59	87	20

Change of Scrummage Laws Considered

Possible Resumption of Anglo-French Rugby

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Edinburgh, Mar. 18.

The International Rugby Board, following a discussion on the scrummage laws, has decided to form a sub-committee to bring forward recommendations on this matter at the Board's next meeting for the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham next year.

The four home unions have considered a letter from the French Federation regarding the resumption of Anglo-French rugby matches. The nature of the Union's reply is unknown.—Reuter.

Electric "Kick" Found In Jockey's Whip

Adelaide, S. Aust., Mar. 18.

A jockey's whip, with an ingeniously-contrived electric battery concealed in the handle, has started an extensive inquiry by the stewards and police in Adelaide—one of the rare occasions when the stewards of any Australian racing club have called in the police.

Anyone who used the whip would not need to hit the horse to put the electrical "kick" into operation. It would be necessary only to run the end of the whip up and down the horse's neck to provide the necessary contact between coil and battery to give the horse an electric shock which although slight, would stimulate it to greater effort.

An electrician said that the whip was the work of an expert. The battery had been so cleverly concealed in the handle that the whip would pass official inspection.—United Press.

Lawn Bowls Assoc. to Meet on Wednesday

Arrangements for Season Will Be Discussed

A further step towards the opening of the lawn bowls season will be taken next Wednesday evening when the annual meeting of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Association will be held at the Engineers' Club in the Wayfoong House. The meeting will commence at 6 p.m. and members of associated clubs are reminded that they are entitled to be present.

It is anticipated that, although no resolution can be made, one of the matters which will come up for discussion is whether League games of three rinks instead of four, as last year, will be played during the coming season. It would appear that there is a good deal to be said in favour of making such a change as one or two of the clubs are losing many players this summer and may find it difficult to turn out sixteen men who are able to give a good account of themselves. If such an arrangement comes into being there is the possibility of two divisions of the Legaue being made.

Canidrome Results

1—440 yd. flat.—1, Sam Holer; 2, Se You Kee.
Also ran:—New Lover, Swallow, Rio Tinto, Jacqueline.
1 length.—Time, 27.80.
Win, $35.80. Forecast (4-6) Div. $121.50.
Place, 1st $13.70; 2nd $3.10.

2—500 yd. flat.—1, Mirette; 2, Wee Dell.
1½ length.—Time, 30.70.
Win, $15.00. Forecast (2-2) Div. $53.80.
Place, 1st $10.10; 2nd $9.50.
Double Event 1/2 (4-3) Div. $61.60.

3—500 yd. flat.—1, Double Ten; 2, Send'm Along.
Also ran:—Triumph, Gator, Wild Wind, Mascot Major.
A neck.—Time, 30.84.
Win, $19.90. Forecast (2-4) Div. $69.30.
Place, 1st $11.30; 2nd $11.50.
Double Event 2/3 (3-2) Div. $20.40.

4—500 yd. flat.—1, L'Ousta No; 2, Skedaddle.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.46.
Win, $20.90. Forecast (4-5) Div. $23.60.
Place, 1st $8.20 2nd $12.30.
Double Event 3/4 (2-4) Div. $38.50.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Victory II; 2, Dad's Romance.
1½ length.—Time, 30.74.
Win, $13.00. Forecast (1-2) Div. $47.50.
Place, 1st $10.00; 2nd $11.40.
Double Event 4/5 (4-1) Div. $33.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Speedwing; 2, Kind Girl.
1½ length.—Time, 30.70.
Win, $33.50. Forecast (4-2) Div. $162.20.
Place, 1st $13.30; 2nd $17.70.
Double Event 5/6 (1-4) Div. $61.70.

7—500 yd. flat.—1, Mei Lee Bar; 2, Grumpy.
A head.—Time, 30.05.
Win, $20.10. Forecast (1-6) Div. $156.50.
Place, 1st $11.30; 2nd $21.90.
Double Event 6/7 (4-1) Div. $46.20.

8—500 yd. flat.—1, Prima Donna; 2, Black Mask.
A head.—Time, 30.57.
Win, $21.70. Forecast (2-6) Div. $126.60.
Place, 1st $12.00; 2nd $10.10.
Double Event 7/8 (1-2) Div. $38.60.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Lady Dale; 2, Young Talgai.
2½ lengths.—Time, 29.96.
Win, $2.70. Forecast (2-3) Div. $42.60.
Place, 1st $7.40; 2nd $12.40.
Double Event 8/9 (2-2) Div. $17.30.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearlman; 2, Star Boy.
1½ length.—Time, 29.91.
Win, $14.80. Forecast (1-3) Div. $73.50.
Place, 1st $9.50; 2nd $11.80.
Double Event 9/10 (2-1) Div. $9.60.

11—500 yd. flat.—1, Pearl's Pride; 2, Irish Lover.
4 lengths.—Time, 30.08.
Win, $13.10. Forecast (1-4) Div. $68.80.
Place, 1st $8.00; 2nd $12.90.
Double Event 10/10 (1-1) Div. $17.10.

12—525 yd. flat.—1, Creditor; 2, Fly Catcher.
1 length.—Time, 31.44.
Win, $18.60. Forecast (3-1) Div. $78.90.
Place, 1st $10.40; 2nd $15.30.
Double Event 11/12 (1-3) Div. $31.60.

12—525 yd. flat.—1, O.I.C.; 2, Shanghai Life.
2 lengths.—Time, 31.02.
Win, $22.90. Forecast (2-5) Div. $85.10.
Place, 1st $16.60; 2nd $25.60.
Double Event 12/12 (2-2) Div. $56.50.

14—630 yd. flat.—1, Master Zeb; 2, Once More.
2½ lengths.—Time, 35.74.
Win, $22.10. Forecast (2-1) Div. $206.50.
Place, 1st $9.60; 2nd $21.60.
Double Event 13/14 (2-2) Div. $56.60.
Cash Sweeps.—1st Dog No. 495; 2nd Dog No. 62; 3rd Dog No. 704.
Unplaced: 535, 445, 334.

Sports Rules Follow Political Events

Paris, Mar. 18.

Owing to international events, the Davis Cup Committee has amended the qualification rule whereby a player is permitted to represent another country if his own country is absorbed by another Power.—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

Following are results of Rugby Union, matches played today:—

Aldershot Services 13, Harlequins 16
Bath 3, Devonport Services 6
Gloucester 12, Newport 5
Leicester 12, London Welsh 6
London Scottish 6, Blackheath 3
Manchester 14, Sale 3
Moseley 6, Coventry 5
Northampton 3, Bedford 9
Nuneaton 3, St. Bart's Hospital 16
O.M.T. 5, Richmond 22
Pontypool 3, Bristol 6
Plymouth Albion 11, London Univ. 3
Rosslyn Park 20, St. Thomas's Hospital 3
Swansea 3, Old Cranleighans 0
Aberavon 6, Bridgend 0
Cardiff 16, Llanelly 8
Neath 16, Crosskeys 7
Pontypridd and Mountain Ash 3, Oxford University 21
Edinburgh Acas 0, Gala 11.—Reuter.

RUGBY LEAGUE RESULTS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

The following are results of matches in the Rugby League, played today:—

Barrow 9, St. Helens Recs 5
Bradford Northern 14, Leeds 13
Bramley 7, York 7
Featherstone 5, Wakefield 17
Dewsbury 0, Huddersfield 26
Halifax 4, Oldham 12
Hull 13, Swinton 9
Hunslet 15, Warrington 5
Keighley 11, Hull Kingston 6
Liverpool 31, Rochdale 0
Salford 25, Batley 0
St. Helens 22, Leigh 12
Widnes 0, Castleford 4
Wigan 53, Broughton 9.—Reuter.

Army Footballer Due In Shanghai

All-Round Sportsman to Arrive in Near Future

British Army football in Shanghai should receive a decided fillip in the near future with the arrival in Shanghai of Sgt. L. A. J. Sadler, a former British Army XI centre forward.

Sgt. Sadler, who is a member of the Royal Army Service Corps, represented the Army in 1936 and 1937 and was also a member of the victorious R.A.S.C. team, which won the Army Challenge Cup in the same year.

He also appeared in the Aldershot Command XI, as centre forward, and was renowned throughout the Command as a cricketer of no mean repute, having played for his corps and the Aldershot Command. Among his feats were the scoring of several centuries in the summer of 1937 and last year.

Ray Malott't Fine 440

London, Mar. 18.

Ray Malott, the Americahn runner, has become the eleventh runner to cover the 400 metres in under 47 seconds. He performed this feat in running 440 yards in 46-9/10 secs at a sports meeting in California.

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England's Brilliant Kicking Wins Calcutta Cup

Heaton Boots Three Penalty Goals to Beat Scotland 9-6; Three-Way Tie in Series

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Murrayfield, Mar. 18.

BRILLIANT kicking by Heaton, who scored three penalty goals, enabled England to beat Scotland in the final match of the International rugger series here today by the score of 9-6. This win, the second successive victory for England at Murrayfield, not only enabled her to regain the Calcutta Cup, but it also resulted in a three-way tie, between Ireland, Wales and England, in the championship, each team having won four points. Scotland, without a single success in the series this season, is at the bottom, with no points.

Seventy-thousand spectators saw England dominate play on a muddy pitch. Scotland fared well enough in the first half, when she scored two tries in a row to lead by 6-0. Two penalty goals by Heaton, however enable England to equalize 6-6.

The English three-quarters handled the ball confidently, making well co-ordinated movements which never failed to threaten the Scottish defence.

Their forwards proved to be superior to the Scottish, getting the better of the scrums, in addition to giving the hard-worked Scottish defence plenty of trouble in the loose.

England, however, failed to gain the ascendency until after Scotland had led by six nil, through Murdoch scoring a try in the 13th minute and Shaw another try in the 19th minute. Heaton retaliated with two grand penalty goals from 35 yards for England to bring the score to 6-6 at half time.

Scottish Defence Harassed

England maintained her superiority after the resumption, and harassed the Scottish defence.

Heaton scored his third penalty goal following a scrum infringement, giving England the lead at 9-6.

Only the grand Scottish defence, in which Roberts, the fullback, was outstanding, prevented a heavier defeat.

The final standings in the International rugger series are as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.
England	3	2	—	1	4
Ireland	3	2	—	1	4
Wales	3	2	—	1	4
Scotland	3	—	—	3	—

It was raining when the match got under way. The rain made the pitch very soft and it was cut up midway through the first half.

Scotland introduced a last-minute change, Murdoch replacing Fyfe, who was ill.

The Scottish side kicked off and early in the game made several attacks, after which England settled down.

The English three-quarters handled confidently. Scotland was getting the ball more often from the line-outs, but England was better in the scrums, while their fine work in the loose troubled the Scottish defence.

Murdoch scored a grand try in the 13th minute, to put Scotland in the lead. Crawford's attempt at conversion was disallowed, apparently the ball was touched.

England heeled well from the scrums. Following a scrum in English territory, in the 19th minute, Shaw crossed over for Scotland's second try, which was unconverted.

Score Equalized

Three minutes later, Heaton kicked a penalty goal from 35 yards. He managed to equalize with another splendid kick in the 35th minute, bringing the score to 6-6 at the interval.

England attacked strongly upon the resumption, getting the ball from a set of scrums.

Apart from occasional flashes, Scotland was forced to be on the defensive. Only Robert's magnificent play repeatedly saved the situation for Scotland.

England began to gain the ascendency, but Scotland stood up to the intensified attacks spiritedly.

The English went ahead when Heaton scored his third penalty goal, following a scrum infringement by the Scottish pack.

Shaw then went to the stand-off half position in an effort to revive Scottish hopes, but Scotland saw little of the ball.

England was a worthy winner of the match.—Reuter.

Civilians Overcome Service Team

Fast Wingers Run Circles Around Opposing Defence In Hockey Match

Led by Wetzell, well-known German hockey star, the Shanghai Civilians scored a splendid victory over the Combined Services in an exhibition game at the Race Course yesterday afternoon marking the close of the 1938-39 season. The final score read 5-2, with the first half ending at 2-1 in favour of the ultimate winners.

Wetzell displayed uncanny accuracy in shooting as he shot three of the civilians' goal in succession to give his team the lead on three occasions. His string of goals, four in all, was interrupted by Waldman who put through the fourth tally. The Services' goals were countered by Gilbody and Pike, members of the East Surrey Regiment XI, in respective order, twice to deadlock the score.

The Civilians had a fast and aggressive forward line in which each player was a sprinter. Kenyon and Fonseca on the wing berths proved much too speedy for their opponents and time after time carried the ball through. The two inside-forwards, Wetzell and Waldman, were extremely clever in stickwork. Pote-Hunt proved an able leader in the centre as he distributed the ball in masterly fashion.

The Services were much slower than their opponents and had very little chance to get within striking distance of Schoemann's goal. The team rallied desperately towards the closing stages but efforts to reduce arrears were futile for Schoemann played a sound game and made a few brilliant saves.

CIVILIANS: — Schoeman (G.H.C.); Silvey (S.H.C.), Pate (S.U.R.C.), Berg (G.H.C.), Turner (S.H.C.), Broadbent (S.H.C.), Kenyon (S.H.C.), Wetzell (G.H.C.), Pote-Hunt (S.H.C.), Waldman (S.U.H.C.), Fonseca (S.U.H.C.).

SERVICES:—Wilson (Surreys), Lt. Carver (H.M.S. Dorsetshire), Le Claire (Surreys), Thompson (Seaforths), Aberdeen (Seaforths), Swanson (Seaforths), Cunningham (Seaforths), Clevely (Area Details), Capt. Cole (Military Hqt.), Gilbody (Surreys), Pike (Surreys).

Scoring Chances Squandered

The game went off at a fast pace, with the ball going up and down the field in rapid succession. The Services were the first to visit the goal when Clevely missed a good chance. Then the Civilians began to throw away opportunities. Waldman's first shot was blocked by one of the defenders while a second soared over the bar. Fonseca was given a sure chance of scoring as he had only the goalkeeper to beat but he lacked timing and the ball went past the goal posts.

In the 8th minute Wetzell broke the ice with a pretty first-time shot from a pass by Waldman. In the 30th minute the Services deadlocked the score when Gilbody fired a high shot from the edge of the circle after receiving a pass from Cunningham. Schoemann put out his hand to stop it but he failed to do so. One minute from the end of the first half Wetzell again received support from Waldman and tallied again.

The start of the second half saw the Services taking up the pressure. The ball was confined mostly to the Civilians' areas. In the 10th minute the score was tied for the second time when Pike flicked against the goal post and the ball rolled over the goal line before it was picked out by one of the backs.

Wetzell to the Rescue

However, the deadlock was short-lived for Wetzell put his team ahead once again by slamming an angular shot into the net from the right side of the field. Two minutes later Waldman was left unmarked and beat Wilson with a hard, low drive.

Midway through the period Wetzell misfired in front of an open goal. At the other end of the field the Services' forwards attacked hard. Twice Schoemann had to leave his post and make clearance. Clevely and Gilbody each was given a splendid opportunity but both tries were nullified because of the alertness of the goal-keeper.

In the 30th minute Wetzell tallied the day's most beautiful goal with a perfect drop shot. This time Waldman again gave assistance. The inside-left ran over to the right flank and crossed in a lovely pass for the German star to convert. The ball hit the inside of the upright and lodged in the far corner of the net.

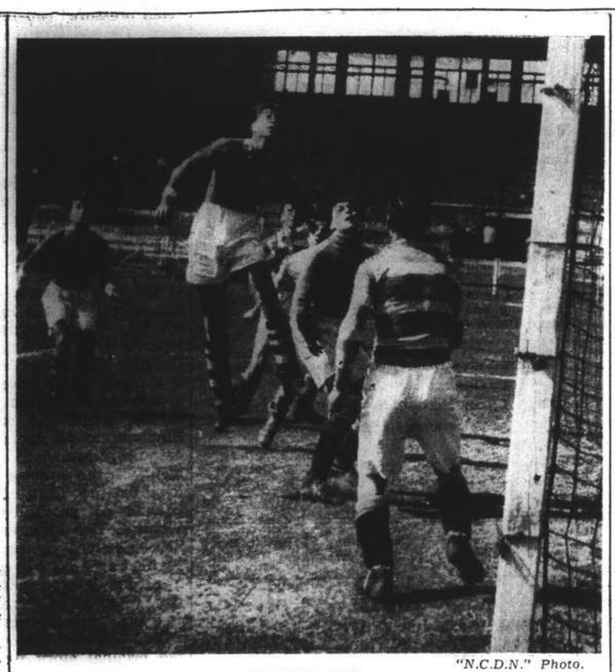
London Rowing Club Wins Again

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

In the 13th Head-of-the-River race over the reverse university boat race course, held today, the winner, for the tenth time, was the London Rowing Club, who won in the time of 19 minutes, 21 seconds.

The Isis Oxford reverse crew was second, while Jesus College, Cambridge, was third. One hundred and forty-six crews competed.—Reuter.



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Goal For Lido

N. Z. Lee scores with his head from a corner shot as Lido defeats the Police in the Skottowe Cup final at the Canidrome played Saturday.

Local Soccer Results At a Glance

The following are the results of soccer matches played in Shanghai yesterday.

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Area Details 3, Rowing Club 1.

Australian Cricket Tour Cancelled

Tourists Might Visit Canada in 1940

Vancouver, B.C., Mar. 18.

A proposed tour of Canada by an Australian all-star cricket team this summer has been cancelled, according to Mr. R. V. L. Johnston, secretary of the British Columbia Mainland Cricket League. The League, he added, was attempting to complete arrangements for a 1940 tour.

"In view of various considerations, including lengthy time in correspondence between here and Australia" said Mr. Johnston, "the B.C.M.C.L. has decided that prospects for the tour would be considerably more favourable in 1940, by which time it is hoped that the proposed Canadian cricket authority will be functioning."

Cricket leagues throughout Canada, he said, were considering the formation of a central board of control, which would handle such tours as the proposed one.—Reuter.

Choy Trounced in Final Round at London

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

In the finals of the Queen's Club covered courts spring tournament, Shaffi won the men's singles by beating the former Chinese Davis-Cupper, W. C. Choy by 6-2 and 6-4, while Mrs. King beat Miss Batt in the women's singles by 6-2 and 6-1.—Reuter.

Von Cramm Taking Up Tennis Again

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Cairo, Mar. 18.

Gottfried von Cramm, the former German Davis Cup star, is playing today in the first competitive tournament of the year. He has announced that he will not enter this year's Wimbledon championship.—Reuter.

Oxford Beats Cambridge At Athletics

Hurdles Record Broken, Another Tied

London, Mar. 18.

Oxford beat Cambridge by 76 points to 41 in the annual inter-varsity athletics, contested over thirteen events at the White City today.

Excellent performances were seen in the hurdle events, in which one 'varsity record was broken, while another was equalled, both efforts being by members of the Dark Blues.

Running in the 220 yards low hurdles, J. N. Irwin of Oxford came first in the new inter-varsity time of 24.5 seconds.

T. L. Lockton, also of Oxford, won the 120 hurdles in 14.9 seconds, thereby equalling the inter-varsity record.—Reuters.

Cambridge Crew Holds Practice

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

Cambridge, practising for the annual boat race against Oxford, today rowed the full course from Putney to Mortlake, in 19 minutes, 59 seconds.—Reuter.

Appeal for Peace In Spain

Defence Council Said Ready To Start Parleys; Burgos Not Yet Prepared

Madrid, Mar. 18.

A proposal that peace negotiations be launched immediately with Nationalist Generalissimo Franco was made here today by Senor Julian Besteiro, Head of the Foreign Affairs Section of the National Defence Council, when he delivered a broadcast address.

The proposal was drafted in the form of a message from the Council to the Nationalist Government and suggested that parleys be commenced with a view to concluding an "honourable peace."

"The time has come when the National Defence Council must carry out its duty and it accordingly informs your Government that we are ready to enter into negotiations for ensuring an honourable peace," Senor Besteiro stated. "We are awaiting your decision."

Before reading out this message, Senor Besteiro emphasized that following the suppression of the recent Communist uprising here in Madrid, and the restoration of tranquility, it was the Council's duty to carry out its mission,—which is to ensure peace on honourable terms as soon as possible. He declared that he was convinced he was expressing general sentiments in making that statement.—Havas.

Reply of Burgos

Burgos, Mar. 19.

"The civil war can only be terminated by a victorious peace" was the comment made last midnight by the Nationalist Minister of the Interior, Serrano Suner, on the peace offer broadcast by the Republican Defence Council in Madrid.

The Minister continued that the Nationalists had already proved their generosity towards their opponents by the friendly reception accorded to thousands of militiamen who had returned from France and that an exception had only been made in case of criminal elements.—Trans-Ocean.

Gas Mask Factory For Netherlands Indies

Batavia, Mar. 18.

A new gas mask factory will be opened shortly at Bandoeng, in Java. For the time being, production of 9,000 masks a year has been guaranteed by a contract with the Netherlands Indies Army.

A condition of the contract is that the factory must be able to work at full capacity in time of war, after a month's notice.—Reuter.

OBITUARY

Sir Henry Simpson Lunn

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 18.

The death has occurred of Sir Henry Simpson Lunn, Justice of the Peace for Middlesex, Vice-President of the League of Nations Union, and Honorary President of the Anglo-Hellenic League, Athens, at the age of 79 years.

After finishing his studies at Dublin University by taking the degree of a Doctor of Medicine, he went to India as a medical missionary in 1887; a year later, however, he was invalided and returned to England.

In 1910, he was created Knight. In the same year, he contested the Boston Division of Lincolnshire as a Liberal, and figured as a candidate for Brighton in 1923. From 1891 till 1897, and from 1923 till 1930, he edited the Review of the Churches. In 1923, the deceased convened the Murren Conferences of Bishops, Clergy and Nonconformists on Clause 13 of the Lambeth Report.

In 1925, Sir Henry Lunn was British Treasurer of the Universal Conference of Life and Work at Stockholm, and British Chairman of the World Conference of Faith and Order at Lausanne in 1927.

Proceeding through Canada, New Zealand and Australia on a world tour in support of the League of Nations Union, the late Sir Henry Lunn lectured on the American Constitutional Convention of 1787 to the annual meeting for 1926 of the George Washington Sulgrave Institution in New York, while one year late, he held lectures at the Universities of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, California, New Orleans etc., on the American Constitutional Struggles of 1787-1865, and their relation to the League of Nations. The Phi Beta Kappa Society appointed him its Honorary Member.

Among Sir Henry Dunn's numerous publications are "The Log of Sir Henry Lunn," "Dictators and Democrats" (1937), and "A United Christian Front" (1938).—Reuter.

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IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

RUMANIA NEXT ?

Whether or not Germany has served an economic ultimatum on Rumania really amounts to very little in view of the situation in which the latter country finds itself since the German absorption of Czechoslovakia. As the fall of Austria paved the way for the subjugation of Czechoslovakia, so this latter process inevitably brings two more Danubian states, Hungary and Rumania, within the range of German domination, and the only thing which is not yet quite clear is the means the Reich will adopt to enforce its will upon those two countries. At the present moment Herr Wohltat, head of the German economic mission in Rumania, is endeavouring to effect precisely those ends which have been detailed in the "ultimatum" which it is alleged has been given. That both Germany and Rumania deny, but that such a demand may eventually be made in the event of present negotiations failing to end satisfactorily to Herr Hitler is a probability which cannot be disregarded. In the preparation for the struggle with democracy, which despite all denials is very obviously what Herr Hitler has in his mind, it is necessary that he should secure sources of supply which would otherwise be denied him by naval blockade in the event of war. Thus the oil, grain, lumber, cattle and foodstuffs to which it is alleged the "ultimatum" referred, which are so richly produced in Rumania must be made available to Germany if she is ever to embark upon war, which judging by present developments would seem to be inevitable. The problem of Germany has dominated Rumanian politics for the past three years, and, directly or indirectly, has been the cause of all the dramatic events which have been little understood by the outside world. Despite the fact that German-Rumanian relations have been worse than those of the former country with Yugoslavia and Hungary, Germans in Rumania have been treated more liberally than in the other two states. They have dozens of papers whereas, in Yugoslavia they have only one or two, and in Hungary none. The demand of their Fuehrer, Herr Fritz Fabritius, for liberty of political liberty was immediately granted. Similar demands by the leader of Hungarian Germans were placed on the shelf.

It is true that King Carol has been dealing somewhat drastically with the Iron Guard, the Rumanian version of the Nazi movement, with the imprisonment of its leaders, the suppression of the movement, and ultimately the shooting of Zelea Codreanu and thirteen of his henchmen. That in itself might not appear in German eyes sufficient reason actively to interfere in the domestic affairs of the Rumanian kingdom, but the fact is that Rumania is the only European country possessing oil in sufficient quantities to supply the needs of the mechanized legions of so important a Power as Germany in war time, has quantities of other supplies necessary to any country at war, but particularly so in the case of Germany where even in peace food is none too plentiful. The reduction of Czechoslovakia to the position of a mere corridor for the passage of German troops eastwards means a threat equally to Poland and Rumania and possibly even to Russia itself. To get at Russia either Poland or Rumania would have to be chosen as the next victim, and if Germany decides that the easier prey is Rumania then the time may not be far away when that "ultimatum," which it is denied has yet been presented, will be forthcoming. It is not without the bounds of possibility that Germany will seek to reduce Rumania to a position of economic servitude, preventing it from developing itself as an industrial power, and confining its activities to the provision of raw material for German needs. That would indeed amount to depriving the country of its economic independence, though in return Berlin might decide to guarantee its political and territorial integrity. Such a step would protect Rumania against the territorial claims which Hungary and Bulgaria have upon her, and which those countries expect will sooner or later be decided in their favour. Guarantees being what they appear to be nowadays it would not seem that there would be anything in the nature of a bargain likely to be at all satisfactory to Rumania.

With two nations having territorial claims on Rumania, and a third desiring her complete economic subjugation the position of that nation is far from enviable. Nevertheless King Carol, proving himself no mean diplomat, has by his astuteness managed to secure agreement between the German minority under him and the recently formed Front of National Renaissance and has been able to nullify one of the best weapons of "cold pressure" capable of being used against him. He has good cause to resist Germany, but his position is difficult because though on the face of things he has succeeded in suppressing the Iron Guard, it is well known that there are sympathizers with that movement honeycombing the ministries and even the Army. Therein lies the weakness of his position. He may be able to keep the land just as quiet and orderly as Austria was, and Czechoslovakia was until outside influences started stirring things up, but the seeds of dramatic development are there. Thus the report of the serving of an ultimatum may be premature yet at the same time amount to the only example of intelligent anticipation possible in the light of existing circumstances. Yet it seems to be the only development convenient to Herr Hitler, for the Ukraine scheme with which he is credited is a much larger question, and calculated to arouse the opposition of both Poland and Russia, while the successful reduction of Rumania to an economic vassalage would help progress towards Angora and the attainment of the greater portion of the urge towards the East. It is well within the bounds of possibility that through Herr Wohltat, Der Fuehrer will seek to achieve his objectives by peaceful negotiation, but the fact cannot be overlooked that as a result of recent developments in Czechoslovakia he is able to exert a military pressure which was not formerly possible. Consequently if within the next few weeks it transpires that the original story was accurate there need be no cause for surprise. It fits in so well with all that has happened in the past, and is likely to happen in the future.

U.S. Strikes Back

The decision of the United States to impose discriminatory taxation against German imports is an interesting commencement of the campaign of retaliation which may be expected to grow if conditions in the world worsen. It is not, however, to be taken as an immediate reaction to the coup in Czechoslovakia, for Governments do not usually move with such rapidity. It is more than likely that this step has been under consideration for weeks past, and its announcement on Saturday merely a coincidence. The decision, however, to regard goods with their origin in Czechoslovakia as now being German goods is an entirely different matter. It is quite clear that those could not in the changed circumstances have those privileges which were formerly accorded them, for then obviously Germany would be able to reap the advantage. If the "penalty duties" do have the effect which is expected of reducing German imports into the United States to a mere trickle it may serve as an object lesson to those other countries which have been behaving with similar disregard of the rights of other Powers, and will certainly help to support that opinion which favours the wider application of economic weapons as a means of restraining present day aggression. A wide application of this form of pressure might very well drive the victims of it to desperation, and more unfortunate courses, but that is a risk which has to be run. The democracies have it in their power to close a very large proportion of the markets of the world to the goods of the aggressors, or if not actually close them, make the price of admission sufficiently high to place them under a serious disadvantage. As a weapon in the trade war which is being waged it is a most powerful one, and may prove a much more eloquent argument in persuading those nations to change their ways than all the cosy negotiations that have ever been embarked upon. The action is a firm one and should be carefully studied by the other democracies with a view to its further application. Incidentally it may do more to foil the watertight censorship in the country it is at present directed against than all the other forms of propaganda in the world.

Legislative English

The difficulty of understanding some of the measures which are introduced and sometimes passed by Parliament has at times received the attention of His Majesty's judges, and has now caused members of Parliament to take action. In a memorandum which they submitted to the Prime Minister last session they quoted one glowing example of obscurity from the Finance Act of 1936 which read as follows:—

Sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 20 of the Finance Act, 1922, shall have effect as if references to paragraph (c) of sub-section (1) of that section included references to the foregoing provisions of this section, as if references to a disposition included references to a settlement, and as if the reference to the making of a disposition included a reference to the making of or entering into a settlement, and sub-section (4) of that section shall have effect as if the reference to that section included a reference to the said provisions of this section.

In an endeavour to assist M. P's in their arduous labours and to make proposed measures more intelligible many passages in the proposed enactments are now set out in black type, as the following example taken from the new Bacon Bill will show:—

Provided that, except in such cases or classes of cases as may be specified by or under regulations made under this section, if, in accordance with regulations so made, a curer proves to the Minister, in relation to specified premises and specified pigs (being pigs from which bacon could lawfully be produced on those premises) that a specified total weight of bacon was produced on those premises from all or some of those pigs, there shall be deemed for the purposes of this section to have been produced on those premises from each of those pigs a weight of bacon bearing to that total weight the same proportion as the dead weight of that pig bears to the total dead weight of all those pigs.

Nobody seems yet to have realized that it is not the size of the type but the clarity of the English which it is necessary to improve. Incidentally neither of these examples should be officially copied in Shanghai.

British Business Stability

Although there are various factors which militate against any spectacular recovery in world trade after the set-back in the second half of 1938, certain reassuring influences are at work in Great Britain making for stability in trade and industry. The volume of national savings, for instance, is not only considerable but constantly increasing. In British Post Office and Trustee Savings banks, the amounts of principal and interest at credit of depositors rose steadily in each month of 1938, from £703,400,000 in January to £747,600,000 in December. Again, though the rearmament programme is being carried out with great vigour, there is not the least sign of inflation of prices, while the measures accompanying the recent revaluation of Great Britain's gold stock show that there is no danger of such inflation from monetary causes. On the economic side, the steadiness both of normal industrial production and of normal expenditure by the public on articles of consumption is proof that the purchasing power of British currency is undiminished. This applies to Great Britain's international commerce, as well as to the home trade. There is, it is true, but little immediate prospect of any expansion of output for internal consumption comparable with that which took place in the 1932-37 period. On the other hand it would be difficult to exaggerate the stabilising influence which the soundness of the British monetary system exercises on British trade conditions. As was recently pointed out by Mr. Reginald McKenna, chairman of the Midland Bank and former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Great Britain is "far stronger than ever before to face any possibilities of financial disturbances that might arise from developments abroad."

IN PARENTHESIS

Regretful

"AH, it's bitter cold!" said the old lady (you know her): "Tha can hardly see through people's windows down t'street for t'frost."

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Obvious

"I GOT up at dawn this morning to see the sunrise. What do you think of that?" asked the early riser. "Well, replied his dumb companion "you couldn't have picked a better time."

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Reward

A MAN went home and told his wife that he had just taken out an insurance policy for £5,000. "Darling," she said, "I'll never say another word about your driving as long as you live."

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Indefatigable

A WOMAN went into a shoe shop to try on some shoes. "I see you are advertising a specially reduced sale of 2,000 pairs of shoes in the latest style." "Is that right"? "That's right madam." "Well, I'll try them on."

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Jimmy Went

"MUM, what was the name of the last station?"

"I don't know. Don't bother me. I'm reading."

"Well, I'm sorry you don't know, because Jimmy got out there."

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Resemblance

THE old man had watched the motorist working in vain on his car for about an hour.

"What are you gazing at?" asked the irate motorist, "Is this the first motor car you have ever seen?

"No," was the dry reply, "but it's very like it.

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Long, Long Time

A MAN went into a restaurant the other day and asked for a rump steak. It came but it was very small and he told the waiter what he thought of it. "This won't make much of a meal," the customer said. "Oy yes it will sir," said the waiter, "it will take you a long, long time to eat it."

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Fair Enough

A YOUNGSTER who was not very good at arithmetic was given the following problem by his uncle "If a man buys something for 8/6d. and sells it for 6/8d. does he gain or lose on the whole deal?" The boy thought for a long time and then he said "Well he gains on the pennies but loses on the shillings."

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Identical

AN Aberdonian received a letter from his rich aunt asking him to send his twin boys to her for a week's holiday, as she had never seen them.

She enclosed a five pound note to cover their railway fares. A few days later, a boy presented himself at her door. He handed a note which read:—

"Dear Agnes. Here is young Donald, one of the twins. The other is exactly the same."

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Economics

THE report describing how an Australian had been swept overboard by heavy seas and was saved by the sun shining on his red hair reminds a correspondent of the story of the boating picnic party who unfortunately capsized the boat.

During the rescue operations one of the spectators kept shouting, "Save the man wi' the red heid—save the man wi' the red heid."

"All, however, were rescued. Afterwards someone asked the excited individual why he was so anxious over the safety of the man with the red head.

"Because," was his sardonic reply, "he owes me £5."

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Novel Names

A COLLECTION of the strange names given to negro children in the United States has been made by Dr. A. P. Hudson, etymologist.

"Petty Larceny" was one of the names.

Other strange names were:—Filthy M'Nasty, Big Apple, Sunday May the Ninth, Dollar and Methodist Conference South.

Many Negroes favour biblical names. Among these were:—"I will arise and go unto my father Smith" and "Seven times shalt thou walk around Jericho." The latter was called Thous for short.

Dr. Hudson states in his survey that he found that special talent was often shown for naming twins. He mentions the following pairs of names—Bootjack and Nicknack, and Gasoline and Kerosene.

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Romance

THE House of Commons will consider how it can facilitate Anglo-Scottish marriages.

Bring oot anither joke,
Anither canny crack,
Aboot the Scottish bloke
Wha' wants his money back—

The money he micht spend
On coortin', if he's brisk,
And aiblins tae nae end:
Ye ken, it is a risk!

A poond it micht well be,
Spread ower seven years:
The toucht can fill an e'e
Wi' calculating tears.

Aye, if ye want a Scot
Tae wed an English maid.
Ma mannie, ye hae got
To say "Expenses paid."

—By F. G. H. Salusbury in the "Daily Herald."

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Approved Translation

GOVERNMENT officials have been hard at work on President Roosevelt's daring phrase, "The Ugly Truculence of Autocracy." It was felt to be too good to miss but, at the same time, under the imperative necessity of being translated into democratic English.

The result of their labours is as follows:—

"The attitude of mind which may or may not be encountered in other countries whose form of government is peculiarly their own, as ours is ours, but which, in any case, constitutes no insuperable bar to a full, frank and free discussion of the possibility of bending all paths to a common ideal which, given good will, confidence, and faith in human nature, should be indistinguishable from a lasting and honourable peace."

This approved phrase may now be hired out by Government speakers, at the usual rates, from the Jabber and Jam department of the Bolonial Office.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min.	42.5	Max.	60.0
Same date, 1938	Min.	43.5	Max.	55.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min.	43.0	Max.	56.5
Same date, 1938	Min.	40.8	Max.	59.4

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 18th:—Moderate anticyclone over China. Normal and steady pressures over Japan. Fine weather, cloudy at places, with variable breezes in China, with north-westerly to north-easterly winds at sea.

State on the morning of the 19th:—Steady anticyclone over China.

Fine weather, cloudy at places with variable breezes over China, with north-westerly to north-easterly winds getting variable over the Yellow Sea, the Eastern Sea and Formosa. Local morning fogs.—Siccawei Observatory.

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Reich Rejects Anglo-French Demarches

Protests Considered Lacking Political, Legal And Moral Basis; German Ambassador Recalled From London; French Recall Berlin Envoy

Berlin, Mar. 18.

THE Reich Government has rejected British and French protests regarding its action in Czechoslovakia, an official communique revealed this evening. "The British and French Ambassadors made demarches to the German Foreign Minister in connection with German action for the restoration of peace and order in Bohemia and Moravia as well as for the pacification of Central Europe," the communique declared.

"The demarches were tantamount to protests against the alleged illegitimacy of Germany's action. It is reported that both Ambassadors were notified that the Reich Government was not in a position to take into consideration such protests owing to their lack of any political, legal and moral basis," the communique concluded.—Havas.

Berlin, Mar. 19.

Dr. Herbert von Dirksen, German Ambassador in London has been recalled to Berlin. He left London for Berlin this afternoon.

Sir Nevile Henderson, British Ambassador to Germany, left for London at 10.25 last night. The British Ambassador was looking very cheerful when seen off by Mr. Ogilvie-Forbes, member of the staff of the British Embassy. No German officials were present, the departure being absolutely informal.

M. Coulondre, French Ambassador to Germany, is expected to leave on Monday.—Reuter.

French Cabinet Meets

Paris, Mar. 19.

An extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet will take place late this afternoon following the Senate's session.

M. Georges Bonnet, Foreign Minister, received yesterday afternoon the Ambassadors of Rumania, Great Britain and Soviet Russia. Sir Eric Phipps, British envoy, also held a short meeting with Premier Eduard Daladier today, when he met him in the Chamber of Deputies.

The interview between M. Bonnet and M. George Tatarescu, Rumanian Ambassador, lasted more than one hour. Questioned later, M. Tatarescu denied all reports alleging that Rumania had mobilized and that Germany had delivered an ultimatum to his Government.

Violation of Munich Accords

"Flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the Munich Accords of September 29, 1938," was the charge by the French Government when M. Robert Coulondre, Ambassador in Berlin, made his demarche to the Wilhelmstrasse.

The protest referred to a letter sent by Count Johannes von Welczeck, German Ambassador in Paris, to M. Georges Bonnet, Foreign Minister, on March 15, announcing German occupation of Czech territories following an agreement between the Czech and German Governments.

The French Note added, "The French Ambassador has the honour to forward to the German Foreign Minister a formal protest from the Government of the French Republic against the measures referred to in Count von Welczeck's communication.

"The Government of the Republic considers itself to be facing a flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the Munich Accords of September 29, 1938, through the action carried out by the Reich Government against Czechoslovakia.

"In the view of the Government of the Republic, the circumstances under which the March 15 agreement had been imposed upon the authorities of the Czech Republic by no means legalizes the 'de facto' situation created by the accord. The French Ambassador has the honour to inform the German Foreign Minister that under such circumstances, the Government of the Republic cannot recognize the legitimacy of the new situation created in Czechoslovakia by the Reich's action," the Note concluded.

London Visit Significant

Owing to recent European events, particular significance is lent to President Lebrun's official trip to London next Tuesday.

The Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, and the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, will be able to examine together the various aspects of the European situation. Official circles, however, state that the trip will be mostly a demonstration of the close entente linking the British and the French peoples.

Political quarters stress the importance of the British and French demarches made to Berlin yesterday, which are not of a platonic character since both countries refuse to recognize the *fait accompli* and have recalled their Ambassadors in Berlin for "consultations."

Diplomatic quarters declare that the policy of Britain and France provides for an effort at a rapprochement with Poland and Soviet Russia: France is already linked to these two countries by specific treaties while Great Britain intends to open economic negotiations to strengthen exchanges with these two countries.

These circles add that the immediate problem is that of Italy's claims, and well-informed quarters fear that Italy may take advantage of Herr Hitler's success to raise the question of her claims once again.—Havas.

No Recognition by Soviet Russia

Czechoslovakia Annexation Disapproved; Russia May Wield Strong Hand

Moscow, Mar. 19.

M. Litvinoff, Commissar for Foreign Affairs, today informed Germany that the Soviet Union refused to recognize the annexation of Czechoslovakia.

The Note containing the decision declared: "The occupation of Czech provinces by German troops and the subsequent actions of the German Government cannot but be considered arbitrary, violent and aggressive.

"In the opinion of the Soviet Government, the actions of the German Government, far from eliminating the danger to universal peace, have, on the contrary, created and enhanced such danger. They have violated the political stability of Central Europe, increased elements of alarm, and dealt a fresh blow to the feeling of security of its peoples."

Reports that Rumania has received a definite promise of Soviet help are authoritatively denied. Rumania, competent Soviet circles assert, has not asked for help, and the Soviet has not made any promise.

Reticence was observed in Soviet circles last night regarding possible Soviet action in face of reported German pressure on Rumania, pending official information on the subject.

This silence does not mean that the Soviet authorities are not gravely concerned at any action which might bring Germany—considered the Soviet's most dangerous enemy—close to its borders.

Informed circles believe that the Soviet cannot but wield a strong hand if Rumanian integrity is threatened, particularly as Soviet interests in the Ukraine might thereby be vitally affected. This strong hand might be felt as in the case of China, with which the Soviet has established friendly relations and to which she lent material aid after the Japanese invasion.

In the light of M. Stalin's statement before the Congress of the Communist Party on March 10, that Germany's future expansionist acts would be directed against the west, Germany's latest move would appear at first sight to have taken the Soviet by surprise.

But is must be remembered that after the Munich conference, the occupation of Czechoslovakia was considered a foregone conclusion. It may be important to recall another passage in M. Stalin's speech, in which he said: "We stand for rendering support to nations which are victims of aggression and which are fighting for the independence of their country."—Reuter.

German Troops March Eastwards

Ukrainians and Hungarians Clash on Border

Prague, Mar. 18.

A great part of German troops has left the town and is reported to be moving eastwards.

Prague is quiet today. There is no longer a march past of mechanized troops, paralysing traffic, but 'planes flew overheard throughout the day, skimming the tops of houses with a deafening roar. Pickets of soldiers on the cross-roads are now replaced by German police and "SS" men.—Reuter.

Serious Fighting on Frontier

Sughet, Mar. 18.

Some of the most serious fighting which have yet occurred in Ruthenia between Ukrainians and Hungarians took place in the early hours today in the neighbourhood of Bocsao.

At one time, the Ukrainan Nationalist Guards put up such stiff resistance that the Hungarians were obliged to send forward reinforcements rapidly from Tacowo. By 4.30 a.m. the Ukrainian Guards had been repulsed, and 350 of them crossed the frontier into Rumania, where they were interned.

The families of a number of Ruthenian Ministers have left Sighet for Zagres, where they are meeting M. Augustin Volosin, Premier of the Carpatho-Ukrain. From Zagreb, they will travel with Mgr. Volosin to Vienna, where the Ukrainian Propaganda Bureau, which is the centre of activities in favour of an independent Ukrainian State is established.—Reuter.

Kaiser's Statue To Be Erected Again

Memel, Mar. 19.

Local Germans today will re-erect the statue of Kaiser Wilhelm I which Lithuanians removed from its pedestal here 15 years ago. A parade by Memel Nazis will precede the ceremony.

The Lithuanian Peoples Party, which is in opposition to the Germans in Memel, petitioned the Government for permission to hold a counter-demonstration. However, the Memel Directorate rejected the petition on the grounds that a counter-demonstration would menace discipline and public order.—United Press.

Berlin Prepares to Welcome Hitler

Elaborate Reception Planned For Fuehrer

Berlin, Mar. 19.

Chancellor Hitler will receive a welcome organized on a scale more lavish than anything seen since his rise to power when he returns to Berlin at 7.30 p.m. tonight.

All day yesterday workmen, engineers and electricians worked to complete decorations and illuminations along the main streets. The decorations cost more than 10,000 marks. Fifty brass bands will play to keep the crowds interested at various points along the parade route.

Nazi leaders today ordered Germans to crowd the streets to give the Chancellor a rousing return. Thousands were expected to view Herr Hitler as he drives from the station to his residence.—United Press.

Developments Discussed by The Cabinet

Rumania's Request for British Assurances

London, Mar. 19.

Downing Street was buzzing with activity this morning as numerous conferences took place. The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who remained in London following yesterday's extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet, received the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, conferred with Sir Alexander Cadogan, Permanent Under-Secretary to the Foreign Office.

At noon, Lord Halifax, Sir Alexander Cadogan, and Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, proceeded together to No. 10.

The conversations ended at 1.00 p.m. and Sir Alexander returned to the Foreign Office. It is believed that Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, also attended the conference.—Havas.

Defence Ministers Meet

London, Mar. 18.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held at 5 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Anthony Eden, former Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, spent 20 minutes with Lord Halifax, Foreign Secretary, before the meeting.

The meeting of the Cabinet, attended by all members except Lord Runciman, Lord President of the Council, who is taking a sea voyage for health, and Sir Samuel Hoare, who has a chill, began at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and ended at 7.20 p.m. It is understood that a general review of the whole situation was made.

Public interest is shown by the fact that hundreds of people gathered at Downing Street, where extra police are stationed.

No further meeting of the Cabinet has been arranged, but Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, will remain in town during the week-end to keep in touch with the situation.

A meeting between Sir Thomas Inskip, Secretary of State for the Dominions, and the Dominion High Commissioners took place this afternoon, at which the latter were informed of the latest international development.

On his arrival in London for the Cabinet meeting, Mr. Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, declared that he had no statement to make, adding "I made my statement last night."

A meeting of defence Ministers was held at the offices of the Committee for Imperial Defence here this afternoon.

Rumanian Issue Discussed

The situation arising out of Rumania's request for British assurances in the face of economic demands from Germany was discussed today by Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, with the French, Russian, German and American Ambassadors, says Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

M. Tilea, Rumanian Ambassador to Britain, last night saw Lord Halifax, and informed him of the demarche presented in Bucharest by Herr Wohlhat, head of the German Economic Mission in Rumania.

It is understood that the link between the kingdoms of Great Britain and Rumania was stressed, and also the Rumanian determination to resist any German, or other encroachment on her soil, with the full force of her arms.

It is significant that while the information about the German move available in London is not against the wishes of the Rumanians, it was later vigorously denied in Bucharest, undoubtedly in the hope that Germany would be able to gracefully modify the position.

It is recalled that after the Czech crisis last September, Germany presented similar demands to Hungary, to the effect that Hungary should remain an agricultural country and restrict the size of her Army.

Hungary Next

It is indicated that Germany, having drawn Hungary into her economic orbit, and rendered the Hungarian Army of small account, is now preparing for the next territorial move by striving to subjugate economically, and hence politically, the country which lies but one beyond.

While it is emphasized in German circles that the German Ambassador's interview with Lord Halifax was a routine visit, it is learnt that Lord Halifax took the opportunity to repeat the British viewpoint that the occupation of Czechoslovakia is not to be recognized as legitimate.

M. Maisky, the Russian Ambassador, who earlier in the day had seen Sir Robert Vansittart, Chief Diplomatic Adviser to the Foreign Secretary, for an account of the developments, was summoned by Lord Halifax, in order to exchange views. It is stated that the question of mutual action did not come up during that talk.

Count Grandi, Italian Ambassador to Britain, left for Rome today in order to attend the Fascist Anniversary celebrations.

Messages describing the manning of Rumania's defences are featured in the press tonight.

Despite official denial of Rumanian mobilization, the Foreign Editor of the "Evening Standard" states that orders have been issued in Bucharest for the mobilization of five army corps.

King Carol has indicated to the British Government that if Britain, France, Russia will lend support, he can rally Poland, Bulgaria, Rumania, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia to stand firm with Rumania, he adds.—Reuter.

U.S. Launching Drive For Air Pilots

Washington, Mar. 18.

The United States Army has launched an intensive recruiting campaign throughout the nation for young men to train as pilots for the 3,000 odd additional warplanes authorised by the Congress.

Officers are being assigned to visit universities and colleges to recruit students, who are graduating in June, as prospective candidates for aerial training.—Reuter.

PERSONALITIES IN THE EUROPEAN DRAMA

Sir Nevile Henderson
British Ambassador to Berlin.

Dr. Herbert von Dirksen
German Ambassador to London.

Sir Nevile Henderson and Dr. Herbert von Dirksen have both been recalled by their respective Governments to report on the European situation. M. Robert Coulondre, French Ambassador to Berlin, (lower left) is also expected to leave the German capital today. On the right is Lord Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, the principal figure in British Cabinet discussions during the week-end.

French Chamber Votes Premier Daladier Full Powers

Government Enabled to Take Swift Measures to Meet Emergencies; Plain Speaking to Members

Paris, Mar. 18.

BY a vote of 321 to 264, the Chamber of Deputies this evening voted full powers for the Daladier Government after several amendments to the special Bill had been defeated in the afternoon. The amendments had been made by Leftist Deputies. In his address before the final ballot took place, Premier Edouard Daladier told the House that he could accept no modification of the text of the Bill. He emphasized the necessity for the grant of full powers so as to enable his Cabinet to take swift measures to face any emergency that might arise.

"There is at present a great strategic manœuvre which I wish to be able to check without delay," he told the House. "It is a question of hours. Reply by either a 'Yes,' or a 'No.'"

In opening his speech, the Premier revealed that France had lodged a strong protest against Germany's action in Czechoslovakia. He stressed the gravity of the situation, "which requires more than words."

"May Frenchmen who are ready to follow my lead on a road full of obstacles, respond to my appeal?" he exclaimed. "If others do not respond, I will pursue my efforts alone."

He announced that he would ask workmen to work extra hours and he emphasized that even stronger measures are necessitated by the present situation.

"I do not accept any amendment to the Bill," he asserted, replying to the Leftist Deputies' motion. "The Government's very life is engaged in the maintenance of this text. And I will not change a single word."

Mandate May Be Extended

He added that he might possibly prolong the mandate of the present Chamber should the circumstances demand such action. The mandate expires in 1940 when general elections are due. But the Premier has it in his power to extend the Deputies' mandates until 1942.

Before M. Daladier rose to speak, Communist Jacques Duclos and Socialist Georges Monnet voiced their opposition to the grant of full powers. Rightists Fernand Laurent and Marcel Heraud stated that they would vote in favour of the Bill, however.

After the Premier's address, the division took place, with the final count revealing a 321 to 264 majority passing the Bill, which permits the Government to enforce such measures as:

Mobilising national defence industries;

Requisitioning, in case of need, both industrial plants and workmen working on the national defence programme;

Making more flexible the system of mobilization;

Instituting electoral reforms; and

Settling the refugee situation in France.

Some of the particular measures include an increase in the number of effectives and officers in the army to make up, notably, for the gaps created by the dispatch of detachments for the supervision of Spanish militiamen who crossed into France following the recent fighting in Spain.

The Government may also take necessary measures to compensate for the effects of the decline in the birth-rate and maintain at an indispensable level all effectives during the training period of recruits.

The production of armaments will be increased and stocks of raw materials constituted. Finally, the Government may consider a modification of the bill on the reorganization of the nation in time of war in order to allow the requisitioning of private establishments and manual labour.—Havas.

Harbin Couple Wed In Aeroplane

Harbin, Mar. 19.

A mild sensation was caused here yesterday by the first aeroplane marriage ceremony ever reported to have taken place over Harbin. A young Korean couple, a Mr. Li and a Miss Ho, hired a sightseeing plane and took off with their four "go-betweens" and witnesses and were married while the ship cruised for 10 minutes over Harbin and the Sungari River.—Domei.

Grim Picture of European Crisis Painted by London Newspapers

New Alignment of Powers Discussed as Possibility; German Army is Marching East

London, Mar. 19.

Rumania's approach to Great Britain over the virtual German economic ultimatum presented to her and what will be the sequel, occupy the major attention of the Sunday papers, whose readers are given a grim picture of the European crisis.

The report that a new alignment of Powers, headed by Great Britain, France and the Soviet and supported by Poland, Rumania, Greece, Turkey, and Yugoslavia, has been proposed is prominently discussed.

According to some diplomatic correspondents, the proposals were discussed at last night's Cabinet Meeting, at which no decision was taken, pending the completion of consultations with the Dominions.

The possibility of a conference of four major peace Powers, Great Britain, France, the United States and Russia, with a view to adopting a common policy, also appears in many accounts.

No serious attempt is made to lift the veil enshrouding the immediate intentions of Germany, it being recognized that the secret is closely hidden among Herr Hitler and his close advisers, who conferred in Vienna last night. But the public is everywhere reminded that the German Army is marching east, its destination "unknown."

Poland and Hungary, who are now united by a common frontier through which Germany would have to march to Rumania, have already, according to the Warsaw correspondent of the "Sunday Times," begun political and military conversations. It is elsewhere reported that talks between Poland and Rumania will begin today.

The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Times" understands that the Rumanian Ambassador, M. Tilea, told Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, at their meeting on Friday that 44 German divisions—half in Czechoslovakia and the remainder mobilizing in Germany—were preparing to move to the east. In Rumanian circles, the correspondent adds, it is considered that even if Germany is preparing to attack Rumania, this operation could not be undertaken within ten days.

The attitude of Hungary and, more particularly, Italy to recent events and the possibility of new action by Germany, are still obscure. The diplomatic correspondent of the "Observer" makes the interesting assertion that Herr Hitler has advised Signor Mussolini not to make any territorial claims on France at present, but to make such claims for concessions in Tunisia, short of sovereign rights, as to enable him later to copy the technique employed by Herr Hitler in Sudetenland.—Reuter.

Missionary Dead in Raid On Pingkiang

Briton Among Victims Of Japanese Bombing

Chungking, Mar. 19.

It has been confirmed that the Rev. A. G. Leigh, 35, of the English Methodist Missionary Society, was killed during the Japanese bombing of Pingkiang on March 15. Mr. Leigh, accompanied by Mr. Clark, his cook and seven members of the cook's family, took refuge in a dugout near the Paijen school. A bomb fell directly on the dugout, instantly killing Mr. Leigh, the cook and the cook's entire family. Mr. Clark was slightly injured but managed to dig himself out.

Reverend E. G. Baker, of the English Methodist Missionary Society at Changsha, left for Pingkiang on March 17 to investigate the report that a British missionary had been killed there.

On his return to Changsha, he said that the body of Mr. Leigh had already been recovered from the dugout and would be buried in Pingkiang. He added that the Society's hospital, the Paijen School and residences of foreign missionaries, which were situated in the western section of the city, had Union Jacks painted on their roofs and were also flying them. Altogether four bombs, he said, landed in the compounds of the hospital, school and residences, one of which hit the dugout.

Mrs. Leigh and a four-year-old daughter are at present in London. Mr. Leigh first came to China in 1931. He went to England in 1937, from where he returned to China in January of this year.—Reuter.

Aerial Activity Continues

A Japanese Air Base, Mar. 19.

Japanese Army aircraft today resumed their attacks upon Siangyang and Fancheng, major Chinese military bases in central Hupeh province, which were subjected to a severe bombardment on Friday. In the morning and in the afternoon, powerful Japanese squadrons raided the two towns, strategically located along the upper Han River.

A force of about 1,000 Chinese troops, concentrated at the site of the former military academy at Siangyang, was dispersed in the morning attack, when several other military establishments in the town were also attacked. The afternoon raid caused several fires in both towns.

In contrast to the intensive anti-aircraft fire that greeted the Japanese raiders on Friday, the Japanese bombers were able to operate today without any Chinese aerial or artillery opposition.—Domei.

South Africa Takes Precautions

Vital Services Under Guard in Union

Johannesburgh, Mar. 19.

Extensive precautions are being taken throughout the Union to guard communications and vital public services. Whether the activities are connected with the European situation and the position of South Africa, in view of the threat against the Union contained in a strongly-worded letter from the German Minister, is not hitherto clear.

The possibility of local trouble arises from the revelation of the German note to the Union which stated that if permission for German immigrants to land is withheld, Germans "will not be responsible for the consequences."

It is emphasised that there is no reason for undue alarm, as the precautions are normal.

Three squadrons of the South African Airforce have been placed on active service, with their bases at Robert's Heights. All police reserves and the Royal Air Force reserves have been called up, while strong guards have been placed at power, radio and cable stations and petrol and oil storage depots.

Disturbances occurred yesterday among German workers in the Pretoria State's Steelworks, which resulted in military forces being drafted there from Robert's Heights.—Reuter.

Oil Settlement Plan Suggested

Co-operative Scheme to End Mexican Dispute

Mexico City, Mar. 19.

General Cardenas, President of Mexico, has announced a plan for the settlement of the oil dispute, which, he said, was based on a proposal made by Mr. Donald Richberg, representing the Standard Oil Corporation.

The President said that the plan provided for co-operation between the Mexican Government and the companies, the latter contributing the amount of indemnity claimed and any new capital to be invested. When the valuations of the properties seized had been completed, the percentages of profits to be distributed would be worked out.

General Cardenas declared that the co-operation plan and the fixing of percentages would be settled by experts "once the companies accept the principles and bases proposed by the Mexican Government." It is reliably learned that the expropriated interests join issue with the President's statement, insisting that a settlement is only possible if the companies retain the entire management.—Reuter.

Mme Chiang in Hongkong

Hongkong, Mar. 19.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Donald, Australian adviser to General Chiang Kai-shek, arrived at Hongkong by plane from Chungking on Friday, March 17, authoritative sources revealed today. Madame Chiang was believed by Chinese circles to be visiting her brother, Mr. T. V. Soong.—United Press.

America Retaliates Against German Aggression

"Penalty Duties" On German Goods Imported Into U.S.; Strong Protest Note Being Sent to Berlin

Washington, Mar. 19.

RETALIATING against German aggression in Europe and economic penetration in the Western Hemisphere, the United States Government last night announced it was imposing "penalty duties" on German goods imported into the United States. The regulation becomes effective on March 23 and the possibility that it would be extended to include Japan and other nations guilty of treaty violations was forecast in some Congressional circles.

The Treasury Department announced the new penalty duties on German goods after informing Britain and France of the Government's intentions. The decision to retaliate against German military invasion of Czechoslovakia was reached coincident with the State Department's statement yesterday in which the United States condemned Nazi Germany in blunt terms.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, meanwhile revealed that the United States is sending Germany an official note which is expected to reassert American abhorrence of Nazi absorption of Czechoslovakia. It is expected to state in plain, direct language that the United States officially refuses to recognize the legality of Germany's seizure of Czechoslovakia.

Mr. Welles said the note would answer formal notification from Berlin of the Nazi occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. The text of both communications will be released to the press next week, Mr. Welles promised.

The Secretary indicated that the United States is taking a stand similar to that of Britain and France in refusing to recognize the German occupation of Bohemia and Moravia. He said, however, that he had not heard of reports that Britain was seeking to summon a Four-Power conference among the three major Democracies and the Soviet Union to devise means for stopping German aggression.

The "penalty duties" announced by the Treasury Department on German goods imported into the United States imposes an additional 25 per cent. tariff in addition to the high "black-list" duties to which German products already are subject. Trade experts said the new duties would reduce the flow of Nazi goods to the United States to a "thin trickle."

The Treasury Department announcement attributed its action to subsidies which Germany employs to aid exporters selling abroad. However, the timing of the announcement left little doubt that it was at least partially the result of official indignation over Germany's seizure of Czechoslovakia.

The Treasury Department's decision was based on an opinion returned by the Attorney General, Mr. Frank Murphy, in which he found Germany guilty of subsidies as high as 33⅓ per cent. on goods sent to the United States in exchange for cotton.—United Press.

Suicides Increase in Prague

Sorgeon and Wife Swallow Poison

Prague, Mar. 19.

The number of suicides here is increasing. A well-known surgeon, Dr. Meydl, and his wife took poison when they learned that German troops were entering the city.

Twenty Jews have been taken to hospital after attempting to commit suicide, including a high court judge and a former bank manager. One man leapt from the roof of the radio palace.

A message from Bratislava states that the German section of the Ministry of Education has decided that henceforth, children in Slovakia will be taught "in accordance with the Nationalist spirit." From May onwards, all teachers will be Aryans.

In schools in Slovakia, the portrait of the late Father Hlinka, leader of the National Slovaks Party, must be placed on one side of the crucifix, and that of Herr Hitler on the other. The Nazi salute will be obligatory.—Reuter.

Former Iraq Premier Sentenced to Death

Baghdad, Mar. 19

At the close of the sedition trial yesterday, five of the accused including the former Iraq Premier, Hikmet Suleiman, were sentenced to death and two of the other accused to long terms of imprisonment.

Four of those condemned to death have however been reprieved, two to lifelong and one to 15 years' penal servitude. Hikmet Suleiman's death sentence was commuted to five years' imprisonment.—Trans-Ocean.

World News in Brief

Jerusalem, Mar. 19.—The Jewish National Council today announced that the 24-hour strike in Palestine, which was due tomorrow, has been postponed pending a publication of the British proposals.—Reuter.

Brest, Mar. 19.—The Second Squadron of the Atlantic Fleet left for Cherbourg on its way to Calais today to escort the steamer Cote d'Azur which is taking President Albert Lebrun to England on Tuesday.—Havas.

Washington, Mar. 18. — Taking cognizance of the European situation, Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Democrat of Utah, today proposed legislation for repatriating former Americans now in Czechoslovakia. He said he hoped to stem suicides resulting from the German occupation.—United Press.

New York, Mar. 18.—The Glen L. Martin Company of Baltimore has developed a new type of aerial bomb so powerful that it will rip huge craters out of a city, the firm announced today. Mr. Lester Barlow, the company's consulting engineer, announced the new explosive utilizes liquid oxygen.—United Press.

Hollywood, March 18.—The famous "Kid" of motion pictures, Jackie Coogan, signed papers here today settling his recovery suit against his mother and stepfather. He received approximately U.S.$126,000. The present value of the property left from nearly U.S.$4,000,000 he earned was estimated at U.S.$292,000.—United Press.

First "Stratoliner" Crashes

Mme Chiang Kai-shek's Own Pilot Among 11 Killed In Disaster in U.S.

Alder, Washington, Mar. 18.

The personal pilot of Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Julius Barr, was one of the eleven men who died today in the crash of the world's first passenger plane built to fly in the sub-stratosphere.

The fatal crash took on an international aspect because two representatives of the Royal Dutch Airplanes were aboard the four-motored, twenty-ton "stratoliner" built by the Boeing Aircraft Company of Seattle. They were Mr. P. Guilonard and Mr. A. G. von Baumhauer, both of Amsterdam.

Nine of the men killed in the worst air disaster in Pacific northwest history were Boeing employees who lived in Seattle.

Mr. Barr, one of the leading pilots in the world and known as the most scientific aviator ever to fly in the Far East, only recently returned from China. Up to the time of his departure from China he was personal pilot to Madame Chiang. He started his career in China as personal pilot to the "Young Marshal," General Chang Hsueh-liang. He was a close friend of the "Young Marshal," coming in contact with him through Mr. Jimmy Elder, unofficial adviser to the "Young Marshal."

Served in War on Reds

After the Japanese occupied Manchuria in 1931, Mr. Barr returned to the United States but left for China when the "Young Marshal" was appointed commander of the Nanking drive against the Communists. He piloted the "Young Marshal's" plane and also brought out a new Boeing twin-engined military plane. The plane was the first twin-engined plane to be used in China. Although the plane was once riddled by bullets, when Mr. Barr flew over the Chinese Reds, he escaped without a scratch. On another occasion he also missed death when his plane crashed in the mountains near Peiping.

After the campaign against the Reds, Mr. Barr began to work for Madame Chiang. An extremely well-behaved, intelligent and educated man, Mr. Barr was very popular in Chinese aviation circles.

Eye witnesses of the fatal crash said the "stratoliner," a streamlined, low-wing monoplane powered by four 1,100 horsepower Wright Cyclone engines, lost its tail, right wing tip and one motor when it plunged to the ground in a wooded canyon 30 miles southwest of Tacoma. Eye-witnesses said the plane did not explode or burn in the air but seemed to fall apart.—United Press.

Neutrality Act to Be Revised

Sen. Pittman Introducing Bill to Congress Today

Washington, Mar. 19.

Increasing American economic pressure against totalitarian Powers guilty of aggression and uneconomic trade practices was predicted in Congressional circles today after Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, announced he would introduce a bill in Congress on Monday to modify the nation's neutrality legislation.

Senator Pittman said the new bill would give President Roosevelt wider discretionary powers and would permit the sale of ammunition on a cash basis to any country engaged in a "declared war or an undeclared conflict."

Senator Pittman said if the bill was enacted, it would automatically be invoked in the Sino-Japanese conflict because it would remove the President's authority to declare the existence of a state of war.

The new bill, he said, will contain this clause: "Within 30 days after the outbreak of a declared or undeclared war, the President shall issue a proclamation naming the states involved." After issuing this proclamation, he said, the "cash and carry" feature of the bill would become operative automatically.

The Nevada Democrat said revision of the American neutrality act would "put Britain in a better position" but he denied it was any part of the British-sponsored "Halt Hitler" movement.—United Press.

Crisis Before Great Britain

Lord Lloyd Warns Against A "Miscalculation"

London, Mar. 18.

Britain is facing a crisis paralleled only by the darkest days of the Great War, writes Lord Lloyd, well-known student of international politics, in the "Evening Standard."

Perhaps it is more exact to compare the position with that when the great Napoleon had defeated coalition after coalition of continental Powers, and when the British Empire stood alone as the one obstacle between a world dictator and a world domination, he adds.

The recent events have shown that the British Empire has a responsibility no less today than it was then. To mistake for "decadence" the fundamental good nature of the British people is an old fallacy, according to Lord Lloyd.

It is one whereon authorization systems of the past have counted, and have broken themselves on that miscalculation, he concludes.—Reuter.

No More Taxis to Northern Areas

Ford Drivers Also Stop Service But Operate in Western Areas

Persons living in districts North of Soochow Creek and not owning cars of their own, will find themselves considerably inconvenienced as a result of a decision reached by drivers of Ford Hire Service cars to discontinue the conveyance of fares to these districts, as from yesterday morning. Taylor Garage drivers discontinued the service on Saturday morning and, as exclusively stated in the "North-China Daily News" yesterday, the Ford drivers were believed to have been contemplating a similar move.

The only means of conveyance thus becoming available to those wishing to travel in the affected areas, are rickshaws, Japanese buses and Japanese-owned taxis.

The situation with regard to the western districts such a Hungjao is better in this respect, for, whilst Taylor cars were not available for trips into that district yesterday, the Ford Hire Service drivers still agreed to drive to Hungjao addresses yesterday afternoon, although the service was understood to be suspended after nightfall.

Taylor Garage chauffeurs were understood to have handed their Japanese passes back to the management whilst the Ford employees kept them and informed their superiors that they would continue driving to the western areas but would not go across Soochow Creek with or without passengers, irrespective of their nationality.

It was believed however that the Ford drivers would also discontinue the service to the western areas inasmuch as that all chauffeurs employed by foreign concerns usually take identical measures.

The decision on the part of the drivers to discontinue service to districts North of the Creek was reached after the discovery of two chauffeurs, one from each garage, who had been murdered after having conveyed passengers to Hongkew addresses during the past few days.

Victims of Ronin?

Although nothing could be learned from the police with regard to the reason for the two crimes—which are still being investigated—it was presumed that the drivers had been the victims of Korean and Japanese ronins whose displeasure was aroused by the fact that foreign-owned taxis were plying their trade in Hongkew and Yangtzepoo to the detriment of the Japanese owned hire-car concerns.

The murders were therefore presumed to have been committed to encourage the chauffeurs to discontinue any service to Japanese occupied territory so that the midget and other taxis owned and operated by the Japanese and which are only licensed for districts North of Soochow creek would come into their own again.

In view of the attitude taken up by the drivers, this object seems to have been attained and operators of the foreign garages questioned yesterday said that the matter was completely up to the drivers, as it was they who felt they were risking their lives.

This decision on the part of the chauffeurs will have one slight redeeming feature inasmuch as through the loss of trade on the other side of the creek, it is presumed that the shortage of taxis south of Soochow creek will be somewhat allayed as more cars will thus be available.

Many larger concerns who have a number of foreign employees in their plants north of the creek, and who found themselves considerably inconvenienced due to the suspension of bus and tramway services there, bought buses many months ago and these run on schedules convenient to the employees.

The murder of S Ling-kun, an employee of the Taylor Garage whose body was found on Friday, was particularly grim, as the man who was only just over 30 years of age, left 7 dependents unprovided for. As far as could be ascertained yesterday, he had always given every satisfaction to his employers and had been very popular with the other drivers, who, it was understood, are planning to make a collection.

It was also learned that the Taylor Garage Ltd., has sent the family of the deceased the sum of $1,200 to cover funeral and other expenses.

Safety First Posters Displayed in Streets

S.M.P.'s Efforts to Reduce Traffic Mishaps

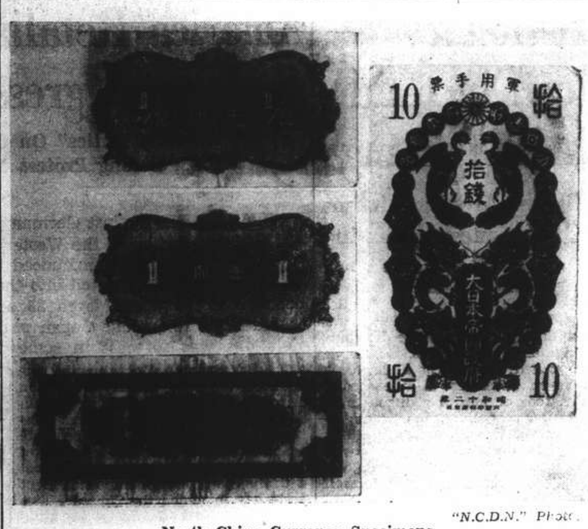
Little green posters warning pedestrians not to walk on the street and to keep to the pavements were pasted on nearly every telephone pole and at every intersection in the central and western districts of the Settlement yesterday. These posters, issued by the S. M. P. will, it is hoped, considerably reduce the number of accidents in which pedestrians are involved, ever since the large influx of refugees from the Interior, who for the greater part have very little of any knowledge of traffic regulations, here.

The S. M. P. is giving the question of the increasing number of traffic accidents considerable thought and it is planned to hold a "Safety First" week in Shanghai in the near future, a first meeting of all organizations, firms and other members of the community vitally interested in the prevention and reduction of accidents taking place at the Police Club, on the seventh floor of the S. M. P. Headquarters Building on Foochow Road at 5.30 p.m. tomorrow.

Gamblers Arrested in Down-Town Raid

Taken completely by surprise, 28 petty gamblers found themselves in police custody yesterday evening, following a speedy raid carried out by detectives from Central Police station in a Chinese house at 292 Hankow Road at 5.20 p.m. yesterday. A quantity of gambling paraphernalia was seized as well as $28 found on the tables at the time.

The detained gamblers will face the First Special District Court this morning.



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North China Currency Specimens

These interesting specimens of the Peiping "Provisional Government" currency issued by the "Federal Reserve Bank" are of small denomination. Top right is shown a half-cent note, under which is a one-cent note but the bottom note, though marked unmistakably by the figure one, is nevertheless printed in as being of ten-cent denomination. On the right is a ten-sen note issued by the Japanese Army of Occupation, another currency entirely from the "Federal Reserve" notes.

Attack on Hangchow Anticipated

Guerillas Plan to Retake Lake City

Another big counter attack on Hangchow will be made by Chinese troops and guerillas operating along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway under General Huang Chao-hsiung, chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government, according to a Chinese report. The decision on the impending attack was reached at a military conference held last Thursday.

General Huang who recently arrived in Chekiang from Chungking will lead the men under Generals Liu Gien-su and Chu Shih aiming at surrounding the famous lake city first. General Liu Tsu-han, former Chekiang river police chief was ordered to attack the Japanese on the Tai Hu (lake) having been commissioned as the commander of the "river guerillas."

The Japanese forces in the lake city are reported to be taking precautions, being aware of the impending counter attack from the Chinese. Boats on the West Lake have been registered and they are required to anchor only at those places which have been specified by the Japanese military. People are carefully searched.

It will be recalled that as early as last winter, men under General Koo Tsu-tung threatened to retake Hangchow announcing that they would pass the Lunar New Year in the lake city but the Japanese decided to strike the first blow by attacking Haimen and other Chekiang coastal districts. From time to time, Japancse war vessels went to the coastal districts and shelled them but so far no landing has been effected. Shanghai shipping has been seriously affected by this situation.

A Chungking report published by the "China Evening News" last night stated that a squadron of Chinese 'planes flew to Hangchow last Friday evening and besides dropping handbills urging people there to participate in the war of resistance the 'planes also dropped 15 bombs on the aerodrome in Kienchiao on the outskirts of the lake city.

The extent of damage was not mentioned but it was admitted that the Japanese military there brought anti-air craft guns into play although no Japanese 'planes were up to engage the invading machines. All Chinese 'planes returned to their aerodrome safely, it was stated.

Young Austrian Painter Holding Exhibition

A young and promising Austrian artist, Mr. Josef Schwarcz, who arrived here some time ago, together with other Jewish refugees from Austria and Germany, is to hold an exhibition of his works in the near future. The 25 year-old artist, who studied at the Dresden Academy prior to roaming the world and in particular the French colonies and Africa, where he is said to have made a name for himself, is also well known in Europe and some of his pictures painted in Strassbourg and particularly Luxemburg, were favourably commented upon at an exhibition which he held in France some months prior to his departure for Shanghai.

Mr. Schwarcz, whose father was also a well-known artist in Europe, has a technique of his own and is an adherent of the modern school. He has already painted a number of portraits in Shanghai and now plans to draw a few landscapes of this city and its vicinity, prior to leaving for other parts of the Far East, in quest of new material.

Fourth Marines' Church

The Fourth U.S. Marines presented another outstanding event in the series of church, service and concert programmes held in the Metropol Theatre yesterday morning. Lieutenant R. R. Marken, Chaplain of the American Regiment, conducted the worship and delivered an interesting message in his sermon on the theme "Keep on Dreaming." Four musicians of the Marine Band rendered as the special musical number Eisenhafer's beautiful selection "Sacred Melodies." Renditions by the Marine Band included Le Jeune's prelude "Jesus, Thou Divine Companion" and for the offertory the lovely "Romance in F Minor" by Tschaikowsky. The singing of the hymns was led by Sergeant Sheehan, accompaniment being provided by the band.

Under the capable direction of Bandmaster Levis E. Giffin, the Fourth Marines' Band followed the service with a programme of distinctive concert selections. For their opening number, the band rendered the striking overture "Franz Schubet" by Von Suppe, continuing with Crist's intermezzo "A Chinese Dance," the latter selection being especially well received by the enthusiastic audience. Among the other selections played by the band were "The Fortune Teller" by Herbert, the Marines' Hymn, and the American National Anthem.

Five British Council Candidates Chosen

Mr. W. J. Keswick Heads Straw Vote Poll

The results of the straw vote poll held to choose five British candidates for the Municipal elections on April 12 and 13, were announced yesterday. Of the ten rate-payers whose names were contained on the ballot papers posted to all British ratepayers by the Election Committee of the British Chamber of Commerce, China Association (Shanghai Branch), and the British Residents' Association of China, the following have been chosen to stand for election: Mr. W. J. Keswick (552 votes), Mr. G. E. Mitchell (429), Mr. T. F. Powell (362), Mr. G. A. Haley (346), and Mr. R. G. Macdonald (328).

The unsuccessful candidates in the straw vote ballot were: Mr. J. R. Jones (313), Mr. F. N. Matthews (279), Mr. J. McNeill (259), Mr. W. J. Hawkings (229), and Mr. C. J. Meager (142). Ballot papers received totalled 666 of which 8 were found to be irregular and three received late.

British and Italian Soldiers Fight

Two Injured in Restaurant Brawl

Four British soldiers and six Italian marines, came to blows at the Delconte Cafe and Restaurant at 356 Bubbling Well Road, shortly before 11 o'clock yesterday evening, the casualties being one on each side. Order was speedily restored by British and Italian military police as well as a party from Sinza Police station summoned by the manager of the establishment.

Shanghai Municipal Orchestra

There are aspects of musical criticism which are unbalanced for whilst it is always possible to say why music is played badly, attempts to describe or analyse the beauty of coordinated sounds fail miserably. One's stock of adjectives is soon exhausted and little is conveyed. No; the criterion of beauty in music can only be expressed by music itself, and this truism was amply demonstrated yesterday evening by the Municipal Orchestra. Opinions will differ, but to this writer the concert was one of the most aesthetically and technically satisfying of the season.

Since we have to convey, in words, some of the excellencies of yesterday's programme there is no recourse but to fall back on the meare range of adjectives. Delius's "Summer Night on the River" and "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring" were played exquisitely, and far outshone all other works; indeed, one cannot conceive of a finer interpretation or rendering. These Delius pieces represent considerable essays in the art of control for to play quietly and yet with infinite sensitiveness exists only among the surpassing qualities. The margin of error in these finely drawn poems is as slender as the music itself.

But to come down to earth. At the risk of being obvious it might interest some to know the whys and wherefores of Beethoven's "Leonora No. 3". Beethoven's only opera, "Fidelio", was first produced in Vienna on November 20, 1805, under the title of "Leonora", with the overture now known as "Leonora No. 2". Subsequently the opera was shortened and produced with a new overture, the "Leonora No. 3". After a few performances it was withdrawn, but in 1806, anticipating its production under the name of "Fidelio", he wrote a third overture, usually called "Leonora No. 1". The performance did not take place, however, but in 1841 a revision of the opera was given in its present form as "Fidelio", with an entirely new overture, Fidelio in E. There are thus four overtures to "Fidelio." The Municipal Orchestra played "Leonora No. 3" with the majesty it demands.

The Soloist

Mr. E. Winkler, the new first cellist, played one of the four concerti for violoncellos by Boccherini. This composer's output was incredible, numbering some 467 works which included 102 string quartets! Yet the concerto played yesterday showed no lack of musical ideas. Of the three movements the Adagio stood out and this also goes for the performance. Mr. Winkler's tone was occasionally uncertain in the first movement but the other two were beyond reproach.

There remains but to record a very fine performance of Brahms's Second Symphony.

One left the theatre with the thought that Shanghai without a Municipal Orchestra would be unbearable.—H.

Gambling Dens in West Threatened

Guerillas Deliver Warning To Owners: Places Move Into Hongkew

Gambling and opium dens in the western district are now reported to be gradually moving into Hongkew, and in North Szechuen Road six of such establishments having already come into existence. This is because of the presence of a large number of guerillas in that district who take orders from Chungking and who have threatened to take action against gambling and opium-smoking houses.

It was further learnt yesterday that the posters exhibited in the western district by guerillas on Sunday severely criticized the "traitors" and "gangsters" who direct these establishments. Hope was expressed that they should cease to be "utilized" by the enemy otherwise they would be severely punished after being arrested. The posters were signed by Colonel Kao Sen, a company commander.

Written Warnings

The fact that the posters were signed by a company commander indicates that there are other companies of guerillas present in Shanghai and it is clearly mentioned in the posters also that the company assigned to act against the gambling and opium dens will closely cooperate with "all friendly forces" in stamping out all evils in the district.

Besides these public posters, various gambling houses in which well decorated opium-smoking rooms are also provided have received written warnings. According to a Chinese report, the Hollywood, Yung Sen, Kwang Sen, Ta Sen and Ta Shing Companies have received such warnings. Guerillas are said to have been so audacious that they broke into some of these dens and gave deadlines for their closure. They were all well armed when they visited these places.

Guerillas are becoming a controlling factor not only in the western district. It was reported by the Chinese press yesterday that they have also retaken two villages near the district, namely, Siking and Tsipao. They did so by launching a surprise attack last Thursday. Puppet soldiers in those villages were claimed to have been disarmed and Japanese soldiers driven back to Fah Hwa Cheng and Hungjao.

Armed Robbers Given Long Terms

Leader Found in Possession Of Bank Pass Books

Four robbers involved in the biggest armed robbery during the past few months as far as the sum of money stolen is concerned were sentenced on Saturday to heavy prison terms ranging from eight to 13 years by the First Special District Court. Of the $32,000 stolen, the police have recovered more than $8,200. The men have been ordered to return the balance.

They were charged with the armed robbery in a coal shop at 184 Sinza Road on January 15. They broke into the shop during the closing hour and relieved the manager of $32,000 at the point of pistol and then escaped.

Li Gien-min, leader of the gang, was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment and it was revealed in court that he might be one of the richest robbers in town for at the time of his arrest he was found in possession of several pass books and jewellery.

Chen Pao-sen drew 10 years while Huang Shing-yang and Song Yung-hsiang were sentenced to serve nine years and eight years in jail respectively. It was also revealed in court that the gang was tough as it was daring for when the initial arrest (that of Li) was made in the Lao Tung Fang Hotel, Chekiang Road his henchmen and himself tried to resist by opening fire and injuring two detectives.

Li eventually escaped during the confusion but he was arrested some days later in a Yunnan Road house and through his confession the other three men were soon caught.

Anti-British League Planned by Nanking

Circular Telegram Will be Sent to Delegates

Organization of a Central China Anti-British League as a protest against Britain's alleged aid to the Chiang Kai-shek administration is being planned by various public organizations in Nanking, a Chinese dispatch reaching here yesterday said.

A circular telegram will soon be sent by public bodies in Nanking to various cities and provinces, requesting them to send delegates to Nanking to take an active part in the projected league, the dispatch stated.

Accusing Britain of being responsible for "numerous outrages" in China, including the "spreading of the evil of opium" to China, the Wanhsien shelling, the May 30 shooting on Nanking Road of Shanghai, the opening of foreign concessions, the "forcible conclusion" of unequal treaties with China, the encroachment upon China's Maritime Customs and other alleged misdeeds, a telegram was issued by a group of leaders of Kiangsu Province yesterday, calling upon their "brothers and sisters of Kiangsu" to support the anti-British movement. The writers also urged them to support the new administration.

Chinese Girls on Relief Flights

New York, Mar. 18.

Miss Lee Ya-ching, Chinese aviatrix, arrived here today from Groton, Conn., where she was forced down yesterday after being lost in a fog for three hours. She is preparing to take off for Philadelphia and Washington tomorrow.

Starting on an aerial tour of the nation simultaneously is Miss Hilda Yen, niece of Dr. W. W. Yen, Chinese diplomat. Both are seeking funds for the Chinese refugee children's committee.—United Press.

Local Boy's Success

Anthony James, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. R. James, formerly of Shanghai, who has been elected a King's Scholar to Eton. He was formerly a Cathedral School boy and for the last six years has been at St. Cyprian's Prep. School, Eastbourne. His father was formerly associated with the British-American Tobacco Company here.

THE CINEMA

"Going Places"

Peter Mason	Dick Powell
Ellen Parker	Anita Louise
Droopy	Allen Jenkins
Jack Withering	Ronald Reagan
Franklin Dexter	Walter Catlett
Maxie	Harold Huber
Frank	Larry Williams
Col. Withering	Thurston Hall
Cora Withering	Minna Gombell
Joan	Joyce Compton
Frome	Robert Warwick
Desk Clerk	John Ridgely
Night Clerk	Joe Cunningham
Groom	Eddie Anderson
Sam	George Reed

"Going Places", which enjoys the services of Mr. Dick Powell, Miss Anita Louise, Mr. Allen Jenkins, Mr. Walter Catlett, Mr. Harold Huber and a rare selection of cinemerry-andrews, including the one and only Mr. Louis Armstrong dusky maestro of the trumpet, is a tittery tuning-up of the play, "The Hottentot." Shown at the Grand Theatre yesterday for the first time, the film was at its best when crooner Powell, aided and abetted by a galaxy of musical talent in the dusky form of Mr. Armstrong, complete with trumpet and his band, Miss Maxine Sullivan, and a host of swinging coloured people, started an all-round epidemic of feet tapping with renderings of the songs of the picture, "Jeepers Creepers", "Say it with a Kiss", and "Mutiny in the Nursery." It also puts a good foot forward during some hectic sequences in which Mr. Powell, posing as a famous gentleman rider (in reality he has ridden nothing more violent than a rocking horse) is persuaded, or perhaps it would be better to say, bullied into mounting "Jeepers Creepers", a terrible steed if there ever was one, in the famous Maryland steeplechase. Needless to say he wins the race, but what a time he has before he flashes past the post!

"Going Places" is another of those nonsensical farces in which Mr. Powell is seen at his best. Recently he has been seen in many such films and always he has definitely proved that this is the type of story best suited to his own brand of light, airy humour. "Going Places" is no exception. It is a pleasant, ribtickling sort of vehicle which is bound to please because of its utter flippancy. In support are a short, featuring Henry King and his orchestra, and a cartoon "Little Red Walking Hood."—R.S.

"Listen, Darling"

"Buzz" Mitchell	Freddie Bartholomew
"Pinkie" Wingate	Judy Garland
Dotty Wingate	Mary Astor
Richard Thurlow	Walter Pidgeon
J. J. Slattery	Alan Hale
Billie Wingate	Scotty Beckett
Abercrombie	Barnett Parker
Mr. Drubbs	Gene Lockhart
Uncle Joe	Charley Grapewin

Miss Judy Garland has no doubt a beautifully clear voice and she is one of Hollywood's few singers who need no assistance from the "sound" man in bringing it up or toning it down to the required level. In "Listen, Darling," which opened at the Cathay Theatre yesterday, this becomes evident as does the fact that this youthful artiste unfortunately lacks that undefinable something referred to as "contact" with which asset she would seem much more real and would be more likely to take the fancy of the audience. She is definitely a good singer and a fair actress but nothing more, whilst her vis-a-vis, in the present production, Freddie Bartholomew is not only an excellent actor but has all the requisites to take the fancy of any sudience. The script, unusually clever and humorous—too humorous as a matter of fact because on more than one occasion the dialogue is completely drowned in the laughter of the audience—deals with the hardships of a widow with two children, who, in an endeavour to give them everything they need, is willing to marry somebody whom she does not love but who could give the children everything. Judy, her eldest daughter and Freddie a school-chum of the girl, decide that they would kidnap the mother and in an attempt to foil her marriage plans. They do this and a wild trailer trip ensues, during which they meet Mr. Walter Pidgeon, playing the part of a well-to-do New York lawyer who is holidaying as they are. Complete happiness is eventually restored when the children decide that he would be the ideal husband for the widow. Clever—exceedingly clever—scenes and episodes are evenly distributed and the picture is really good entertainment.

A travel talk on Austria, a Miniature dealing with the discovery of the cure for diabetes and a news-reel of not too recent a vintage, round out a programme worth seeing.—A.S.I.

An appeal for 2,000 volunteers to give blood to be stored for transfusion in the event of war is being made by the Leeds Blood Transfusion Society. City Hospitals are to provide facilities for storing the blood.

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Wife Still Waits After 19 Months

Japanese Women Convinced Kidnapped Husband is Still Alive

Like the faithful wives of classical legend who closed their eyes to despair and waited many years for husbands gone to the wars, the Shanghai Japanese wife of a kidnapped sea captain is waiting today for his return, 19 months after he disappeared when the hostilities swept over this city, the Shanghai "Mainichi" disclosed on Saturday night.

Mrs. Yoshie Kotani has never lost the hope that her husband, Mr. Teizo Kotani, will some day come back to her and their four children. Meanwhile she manages a boarding house for Japanese seamen under the patronage of the Japanese Consulate. Mrs. Kotani's optimism is not based on hope alone, for she has received reports on four occasions that her husband was still alive. The last news to this effect was received in December, 1938. Since then she has heard nothing.

In the morning of August 13, 1937, Mr. Kotani, then 53 and captain of the Taiping, a Chinese-owned steamer of the Chung Wei Steamship Company, chartered by the Daido Kaiun Kaisha, was staying at Karatsu, Kyushu. When he heard the news he sent a postcard to his wife to inquire about the safety of the family and sailed at once for Shanghai. Mrs. Kotani received the card but waited in vain for her husband. On the way to Shanghai from Japan he was kidnapped by the Chinese sailors of his vessel and taken to Ningpo on Hangchow Bay.

Sent Him Money By Boy

Some time later a Chinese boy who had been employed by Mr. Kotani came to Mrs. Kotani and told her that he was alive and had been taken from Ningpo to Nanking. The boy visited her a second time to inform her that her husband had been taken back to Ningpo. This time she gave the boy some money to take to her husband, with a request that he bring back a receipt as evidence that he was still alive. Later she was overjoyed to receive a receipt in her husband's handwriting.

When a similar attempt at communication was made at another time the Chinese boy told Mrs. Kotani that vigilance of Chinese troops prevented him from reaching Mr. Kotani. However, after long months of worry, Mrs. Kotani was notified last December by the Daido Kaido Kaisha's local office that her husband was still alive.

Visitor to China Finds Much Confidence

Shanghai and Hongkong Show Enterprise

Singapore, Mar. 18.

"British and Chinese businessmen are showing new confidence in Shanghai, where they are building new cotton mills," a Singapore business leader told Reuter on his return here from a vist to Shanghai.

Although Hongkong, supporting a population of 1,500,000 instead of its normal 750,000, was greatly overcrowded, confidence in the future, he said, was being displayed by British firms.

"Both in Shanghai and Hongkong people are investing money in new buildings," he added, while at Shanghai new cotton mills were being built within the International Settlement.—Reuter.

London Experts for New Zealand

Development of Iron Ore Deposits Planned

Wellington, N.Z., Mar. 18.

Two London engineering experts are due to arrive in New Zealand before the end of this month to report on the project for developing the Onekaka iron ore deposits in the Nelson district.

The New Zealand Government has taken authority to spend £5,000,000 on developing the deposits. The results of a recent comprehensive survey will be available to the experts. The Onekaka deposits are reputed to contain 30,000,000 tons of iron ore.—Reuter.

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Japan Granting Big Shipping Loans

Y.90,000,000 Loaned at Small Interest This Year

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

According to the Japanese Ministry of Communications, loans for construction of new ships for the present financial year will amount to Y.90,000,000. The rate of interest on such loans will be 3.7 per cent. per annum.

While under the previous financing system for ship construction in Japan, loans have been restricted to vessels of the 4,000-ton class or larger, loans will be made for construction of new ships of the 1,000-ton class or larger under the new Ship Construction Loan Law.

The National Policy Shipping Association, which has been organized by the Japan Ministry of Communications to control shipping in China, will be inaugurated on April 1, according to the "Yomiuri."

Mr. Shozo Murata, President of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, is expected to be asked to act concurrently as chairman of the association's board of directors.

Mr. Yasuji Shimizu, vice-president of the Nippon Yuen Kaisha, will probably take the full-time post as president.—Reuter.

Prague Legation Becomes Consulate-General

Prague, Mar. 19.

The Italian Legation in Prague will be transformed into a Consulate-General, stated the Italian Minister Fransoni when he called at the previous German Legation here yesterday. The new Italian Consulate-General will be taken over by Legation Councillor Borga. The Italian Minister has already left Prague. Also the Hungarian Legation which has already ceased its activities will be converted into a Consulate-General.—Trans-Ocean.

Loss Of Weight And What It Means.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

U.S. Commodities

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 18.

The cotton market, after opening weak on lower Liverpool cables, further declined under foreign selling and liquidation, closing 8 to 13 points below yesterday's final levels.

The weakness in London and action of Wall Street constituted the chief influence in the market for raw rubber, futures registered net losses of 31 to 36 points under liquidation coupled with a lack of support.

Wheat futures in Chicago moved upward on mills buying and the firmness of the foreign markets but later partially reacted on realising, finishing unchanged to ⅛ cent per bushel higher.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
May	8.14-14 —13	May	15.84-85 —31
July	7.95-96 —11	July	15.80-80 —33
Oct.	7.65-65 —08	Sept.	15.80-81 —33
Dec.	7.59-60 —08	Dec.	15.80-80 —34
Jan.	7.58-58 —09		
Mar.	7.61 N. —		

New York Sugar No. 4		
May	1.17½B-18A	+2½
July	1.17B-17½A	+2

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	47⅝-47½ —¼	May	68-68⅛ +⅛
July	49¼-49½ —⅛	July	68-68⅛ +⅛
Sept.	50¼-50½ unc	Sept.	68⅞-69 unc.

Winnipeg Wheat		
May	61⅜-61⅝	+1⅛
July	61⅞-62	+7⅞
Oct.	62⅞-62⅞	+⅞

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Mar. 18.

Japan	78⅜	London	1/5 31/32
New York	235	2 mths	
Shanghai	48¼	„ (sellers)	1/5 23/32
Hongkong	85¾	„ (Buyers)	1/5 25/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.25	Berne	20.69
Paris	176.84	Shanghai	8 3/16d N
Berlin	11.66	Bombay	1/5 13/32
Amsterdam	8.82	Hongkong	1/2 1/16
Brussels	27.82	Singapore	2/3 3/32
Madrid	100.00	Yokohama	1/2
Milan	89.00	„ (Buying)	Unq.

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.13½	Japan	27.32
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.20
Holland	54.08½	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.64¾	C'slovakia	Unq.
Brussels	16.83	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.62½	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.12	Greece	0.86
Norway	23.53½	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.90½	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.375	Poland	18.88
Brazil	5.90		

London	4.68¼
„ Demand	4.68⅛
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	4.67 23/32
„ Commercial 60 days bills	4.67 7/32
Buenos Aires Paper	29.04
Buenos Aires Paper, Market rate	23.05
Montreal on London	4.71 5/8

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London: Mar. 18.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 11/16%
Fine Trade Bills,	3 months	2¾%
„ „ „	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York: Closed.—Reuter.

Bombay Silver Stocks

Bombay, Mar. 18.

Stocks of Silver in Bombay on March 18, compared with the two previous weeks:—

Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18
1,000	1,000	1,000 Bars.

N.B.—The above figures include both English Bar and Indian Mint Silver.—Reuter.

British Commodities

Saturday's Closing Quotations

London, Mar. 18.

Among commodities rubber declined appreciably on lower Eastern and American cables and uncovering of stop-loss orders. However, a slightly steadier undertone developed towards the close. Liverpool wheat futures opened firm, but later reacted under further Plate selling. Finally, the decline was arrested on news that Rumania had been presented with sweeping demands by Germany, which attracted outside bear-covering. Other markets were lifeless as operators were bewildered by the latest news and preferred to hold their hand.

London Rubber: Spot, buyers 7⅞ —3/16; sellers 7 15/16 —⅛; Apl/June delivery, buyers 7⅞ —3/16; sellers 7 15/16 —¼.

London Sugar (Buyers): May 6/3¼ unch. August 6/3¼ +¼; December 6/1½ +¼.

Liverpool Wheat: March 4/4⅜ +⅞; May 4/5½ +⅝; July (New Contract) 4/5¼ +⅝.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 4.71 —20; May 4.68 —19; July 4.51 —17; Sept. 4.44 —15. Egyptian Futures (Giza, F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 contract: Mar. 6.65 —14; May 6.70 —18; July 6.76 —18; Sept. 6.76 —13.

London Metals: Closed.—Reuter.

New York Market Dumping Victim

New York, Mar. 18.

Europeans and Americans dumped stocks on the New York Stock Exchange today, forcing declines of 1 to 5 points as the market reached the lowest levels since January 28 in the most active session of the year. Bonds also declined.

Steels were weak. Chrysler opened 3 ¼ points lower but regained part of its losses later. Rails losses ranged from 1 to 2 points. Many leaders lost more than 3 points and many lows in a year and longer were reached.

Coppers were easier and utilities lost fractions of a point. Aviations were lower but rallied substantially late in the session. Late short covering lifted many leaders from their lows.

European developments dominated the market. Wall Street hears that some believe the market has been oversold. Crown Zellerback's earnings for the first three months of 1939 should be double those for the corresponding period of 1938, it is understood. Bristol Meyers may pay an extra dividend. Phelps Dodge has a good chance of a 40 per cent. increase in earnings over 1938.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. Some belief that the market is oversold.
2. Department sales are better and there is a better showing by business generally.

Among the unfavourable factors were these:

1. Repercussions of the Nazi drive to the east.
2. Steel operations are behind expectations.
3. Margin calls are being sent out over the weekend.—United Press.

London Money Market

London, Mar. 18.

Borrowers on the lookout in the London money market during the past week for evernight loans at a shade under the clearing banks minimum charges easily absorbed most supplies available from various institutions operating outside the clearing bank circle.

The ruling political events, together with the increasing offerings of Treasury bills, had a hardening effect on discount rates.—Reuter.

New York Stocks

Saturday's Closing Quotations

New York, Mar. 18.

Wholly under the influence of disquieting reports on the tense European political situation, the stock market today recorded further substantial losses in very active dealings. Prices dropped fractions to more than 4 points on a turnover of 1,010,000 shares as holders lightened commitments for over the week-end and large blocks changed hands at progressively lower levels. Near the close the market displayed a steadier tendency and, in some cases, the earlier losses were partially recovered, but the session ended on an uncertain and irregular note, with the majority of operators awaiting clarification of the position.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	142.40	140.60	141.68	—2.21
20 Rails	13.69	13.25	13.53	—0.61
15 Utilit.	24.10	23.74	23.82	—0.43
40 Bonds	—	—	99.22	—0.47
11 Commod.	—	—	47.57	—0.13

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Adams Express	9	9⅛
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	21	20⅜
Allied Stores	9⅜	9⅛
Allis Chalmers	41¾	41⅛
Amerada Corp.	64	62½
Amer. Can	90	90
Amer. & For. Power	2⅞	2⅞
„ „ $7 pfd.	17½	16¼
Amer. Gas & Electric	36½	36
Amer. Locomotive	23¾	22¼
Amer. Metal	34¾	33½
Amer. Radiator	15½	14¾
Amer. Rolling Mill	16¾	16⅜
Amer. Smelting	44⅛	42⅞
Amer. Sugar Refining	20	20
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	160	157
Amer. Tobacco "B"	86	84½
Amer. Waterworks	12⅛	11¾
Anaconda Corp.	27	26⅛
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	34½	33
Auburn	3⅞	3⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	6⅛	6
Barber Asphalt Corp.	17	16¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	16	15½
Bendix Aviation	24	24
Bethlehem Steel	67¼	65⅝
Boeing Airplane Co.	27½	26⅝
Borg Warner	28⅝	28⅛
Briggs Mfg. Co.	24⅞	23⅞
Bklyn-Manhattan Trans.	9⅞	9½
„ $6 cum. pfd.	36¼	35⅜
Can. Pacific Rly.	4½	4⅜
Case, J.I.	35½	34½
Celanese Corp.	21	20½
Chase Nat. Bank	B 31½	B 31⅜
Chesapeake & Ohio	35½	35¼
Chrysler	76⅜	74
Columbia Gas & Elec.	7⅜	7⅛
„ 6% "A" pfd.	87	B 86¼
Comml. Credit	51½	50½
Comm. & Southern	1⅝	1½
„ $6 cum. pfd.	57½	57
Consolid. Edison	32	31⅛
Consolid. Oil	8½	8¼
Continental Can	39¼	39
Continental Oil	28¼	28
Corn Products	64¼	63
Curtiss Wright (com.)	6	5⅞
„ „ "A"	23¾	23⅜
Deere & Co.	22	21
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18½	18⅛
Douglas Aircraft	67⅜	66⅝
Du Pont de Nemours	149¾	146
Eagle Picher Lead	10⅛	9⅞
Eaton Manufacturing Co.	23⅜	23½
Elec. Auto Lite	34⅛	33⅜
Elec. Bond & Share	10⅛	10
„ „ $5 pfd.	61¼	—
„ „ $6 pfd.	67⅜	66
Engineers Public Serv.	10⅜	10⅛
Elec. Pwr. & Lt. 7% pfd.	37	34
Flintkote	26¼	25¾
Food Machinery Corp.	26½	B 27½
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	54	52¾
Gen. Electric	39¾	39
Gen. Motors	47	45⅛
Gen. Rly. Signal	21	20½
Glidden Co.	20	19¾
Goodrich (B.F.)	21	20½
„ $5 pfd.	71	70½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	32⅛	31
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	15	14¾
Great Nthrn. Rly., pfd.	25⅜	24⅞
Great Western Sugar	26½	25¾
Greyhound Corp.	19¼	18⅝
Hecker Products	11	10⅞
Homestake Min.	64½	62
Indus. Rayon	24¼	23⅜
Int. Harvester	*61⅞	60½
Int. Nickel	49¾	48⅝
Int. Tel & Tel.	9¼	9¼
Johns Manville	89¾	87¾
Jones & Laughlin 7%	B 51	B 48
Kennecott	35¾	35⅞
Libby-Ownes-Ford Glass	50¼	49
Lockheed Aircraft	29¼	29
Loew's Inc.	46¼	46⅞
Manhattan Shirt Co.	—	12¼
Martin, Glenn L Co.	33⅞	34⅛
McKesson & Rob.	11	—
Monsanto Chemical	99⅞	99
Montgomery Ward	*49⅝	48⅜
Nat. City Bank	B 24¾	B 24
Nat. Dairy Products	14⅞	14⅝
Nat. Distillers	26⅝	26½
Nat. Gypsum	14⅛	13⅞
Nat. Lead	23¼	22¾
Nat. Power & Lt.	8⅛	8⅛
Nat. Steel Corp.	73	72¼
Nat. Supply Co. of Penn.	10⅞	10½
New York Central	17⅞	17¼
Niagara Hudson Power	8⅜	8⅜
North Amer. Aviation	16⅜	16¼
North Amer. Co.	23½	23⅛
Northern Pacific	11	10¼
Pacific Gas & Elec.	33	32½
Pacific Lighting	47⅛	47
Packard Motors	3¾	3¾
Paramount Pictures Inc.	9⅞	9½
Pennsylvania R.R.	20⅝	20
Phelps Dodge	38¼	37⅜
Phillips Petroleum	39¼	39
Public Serv. of N.J.	35⅜	35
Pullman, Inc.	32¾	32½
Pure Oil	9⅜	9⅛
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7	7
Republic Steel Co.	19¼	18⅝
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	38⅞	38¾
Richfield Oil Corp.	8⅞	8⅝
Safeway Stores	34½	34½
Schenley	15⅜	15
„ 5½% pfd.	73¼	72
Sears Roebuck	73¾	72½
Shell Union Oil	12⅞	12⅜
Socony-Vacuum	12¾	12⅜
Sthrn. Pacific	16⅜	15¾
Sthrn. Rly. 5% pfd.	26⅛	25⅝
Sperry Corp.	67⅜	65⅝
Stand. Brands	3⅜	2¼
Stand. Gas & Elec.	28⅛	28
Stand. Oil of Calif.	47⅝	46¾
Stand. Oil of N.J.	13¾	13⅛
Stone & Webster	27⅜	27¼
Swift International	18	17½
Technicolor	42½	42½
Texas Corp.	30½	30
Texas Gulf Sulphur	—	6⅛
Transamerica	22¼	21½
Tw. Century Fox Film	—	21
„ „ pfd.	83	82
Un. Carbide & Carbon	98	96⅛
Un. Pacific	36⅝	37⅛
Un. Aircraft	11½	11⅜
Un. Air Lines Trans.	2⅞	2⅞
Un. Corp.	35⅝	35⅛
„ $3 cum. pfd.	2½	2½
Un. Gas Corp.	12¼	12
Un. Gas Improvement	44⅝	43⅞
U.S. Rubber	102½	100½
„ 8% pfd.	57¼	56
U.S. Steel	24¼	23½
Vanadium	6	5¾
Warner Bros. Picts.	109	106½
Westinghouse Elec.	21	19¾
Woodward Iron		

BONDS

Amer. & For.	53⅝	52½
Brazil	18¼	17⅜
Baltimore & Ohio	21⅝	20½
Cities Serv. Pwr. & Lt.	8 1/16	7 13/16
Erie R.R. 5s 1967	11	11
Int. Tel. & Tel.	69	67
Minas Geraes	B 10¼	B 10¼
New England Gas & Elec.	66	63½
Feru 6s 1961	—	10⅛
Sao Paulo	B 10	B 10
Rio Grande do Sul	B 10	B 10⅛
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	52⅛	51
Stand. Gas & Elec. 6s 1951	63½	61¼

B—Bid. *Ex dividend.

Dow-Jones Summary

Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz.

European developments dominated the stock market today, with both European and American interests dumping stocks in the New York market, forcing declines ranging from one to five points. Quantities of selling orders accumulated over-night and were executed in blocks of 1,000 to 6,000 shares. Most of the European markets were closed during the period of Saturday's New York session, which caused foreigners to turn to New York for their sales. Houses with foreign connections reported sales on balance on what were termed pessimistic cables. Some short-covering was noted before the close of the market, lifting many leaders above the day's lows, but was insufficient to raise them above the previous close.

Curb stocks moved lower and bonds declined on active trading. Foreign currencies were irregular in terms of the dollar. Sterling and French francs slightly firmed, but Swiss francs showed a further decline. Operation of the Control Funds was noted in connection with the leading units.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Statistical Data Concerning Leading Stocks

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

Name of Stock (No par value except where indicated)	Dividends: Annual rate $	Dividends: Date of 1st quarterly payment	Book value	Earnings or Deficits: 5 yr Average 1934-38	1936	1937	1938	Yield on basis of price in %
Adams Express	0.20†	Irregular	13	—	0.50	0.62	—	2
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	—	—	21	—	2.13	2.10	—	nil
Allis Chalmers	1.50†	Irregular	32	—	2.27	4.42	—	4
American can	4	Feb. 15	61	6.29	5.80	6.08	—	4
Am. and Foreign Power	—	—	—	1.43	D 9.45	D 8.77	—	nil
Am. and For.P. $7 cum. Pref.	—	—	110	23.49	5.84	7.11	—	nil
Am. Locomotive	—	—	12	4.20	D 1.71	4.75	—	nil
Am. Radiator	—	—	12	1.84	0.70	0.68	—	nil
Am. Rolling Mill	—	—	33	2.46	2.25	2.55	—	nil
American Smelting	2†	Feb. 28	52	7.27	6.85	6.54	3.24	5
Am. Tel. and Tel.	9	Jan. 15	126	8.30	9.89	9.76	8.16	6
Am. Tob. "B"	5	Mar. 1	27	5.00	5.71	5.04	—	6
Am. Waterworks	—	—	35	2.80	1.52	1.14	—	nil
Anaconda Copper	0.50†	Irregular	55	4.97	1.83	3.62	—	2
Atch., Top. & S. Fe	—	—	260	19.16	1.56	0.60	—	—
Auburn Automobile	—	—	28	9.72	D 6.67	D20.07	—	nil
Baltimore and Ohio	—	—	126	11.36	0.85	D 1.20	—	nil
Barber Asphalt	—	—	32	—	1.14	1.91	—	—
Barnsdall Oil	1	Feb. 1	8	—	1.01	0.85	—	6
Bethlehem Steel	—	—	119	7 06	2.09	7.63	—	—
Boeing Airplane	—	—	6	—	032	0.45	—	1
Borg-Warner	0.25	Irregular	16	—	3.57	3.63	—	nil
Bklyn. Manh. Tran.	—	—	79	6.78	0.30	4.09	—	nil
Canadian Pacific Rly.	—	—	40	3.11	0.04	0.30	—	—
Case, J. I.	5†	Irregular	134	14.53	12.36	13.98	—	6
Chase Nat. Bank	1.40	F.A. 1	31	4.04	2.24	2.03	—	4
Chesapeake & Ohio	1.75	Jan. 1	51	5.67	5.72	4.43	2.56	5
Chrysler	2†	Irregular	28	4.69	14.25	11.66	4.32	3
Columbia Gas and Electric	—	—	16	2.08	0.53	0.57	—	—
Commercial Credit	4.00	Mar. 31	29	—	6.08	7.10	4.60	8
Commonwealth & Southern	—	—	5	0.67	0.13	0.18	—	nil
Consolidated Edison	2	Mar. 15	52	4.50	2.33	2.17	—	6
Consolidated Oil	0.80	Feb. 15	18	—	1.18	1.48	—	9
Continental Oil	1	Jan. 30	17	0.64	1.78	2.97	—	4
Corn Products	3	Jan. 20	54	4.41	3.86	2.52	3.17	5
Curtiss-Wright Corp. Seagrams	2	Mar. 15	13	nil	2.42	3.49	3.76	11
Douglas Aircraft	3	Irregular	12	1.50	1.74	1.90	3.76	4
Dupont de Nemours	10	Mar. 15	36	5.17	7.54	7.27	—	2
Eagle Picher Lead	0.10†	Irregular	12	—	0.74	0.40	—	1
Electric Bond & Share	—	—	27	2.15	0.17	0.42	—	nil
Elec. Bond & Share $6 Pref.	6	Feb. 1	110	—	6.42	7.31	—	9
Flintkote	0.60	—	13	—	1.75	1.50	1.21	2
General Electric	0.90†	Jan. 26	11	1.81	1.52	2.31	0.96	2
General Motors	2†	Mar. 12	16	4.83	5.36	4.38	2.17	4
General Railway Signal	—	—	14	7.99	0.17	1.58	—	nil
Ghidden	—	—	22	—	3.29	2.62	D 0.29	nil
Goodrich Rubber	—	—	23	2.09	4.03	D 2.25	0.14	nil
Goodyear Tire and Rubber	0.25	Irregular	21	5.12	3.90	1.95	1.34	1
Great Northern Ry. Pfd.	—	—	157	9.47	3.99	4.04	—	nil
Greyhound	1.10†	Jan. 1	7	D0.16	1.50	1.59	2.05	5
Hecker Products	0.60	Feb. 1	12	3.58	0.71	0.89	0.53	5
Int. Nickel	2*	Mar. 30	12	0.85	2.40	3.31	—	4
Nat. Power and Ligh	0.60	Mar. 1	38	3.45	0.63	1.60	—	nil
New York Central	—	—	21	1.74	0.99	1.38	—	—
North American Co.	1.20	Jan. 2	142	12.63	1.79	0.99	—	nil
Pacific Gas and Electric	2	Jan. 16	29	4.47	1.74	1.95	1.55	5
Pacific Lighting	3*	Feb. 15	28	2.83	2.56	2.71	—	6
Packard Motors	—	—	9	2.70	3.88	4.10	—	nil
Paramount Pictures	1	—	3	1.11	0.47	0.20	D 0.12	nil
Pennsylvania Railroad	0.50	—	15	—	1.18	1.06	—	—
Phillips Petroleum	2	Mar. 1	89	7.01	2.94	2.07	0.84	2
Public Service of N.J.	2.15†	Mar. 30	34	3.69	4.02	5.42	2.03	5
Pure Oil	—	—	31	3.15	2.80	2.61	2.34	7
Radio Corp.	0.20	Irregular	21	1.77	1.63	2.15	0.38	nil
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	2.90	Jan. 1	nil	1.32	0.21	0.41	0.30	3
Schenley	—	—	14	3.04	2.93	2.82	2.37	7
Sears Roebuck	3	Mar. 16	26	—	7.05	5.04	—	nil
Socony Vacuum Corp.	0.50†	M. S	20	5.03	5.60	5.58	—	4
Southern Pacific	100	—	196	10.19	3.84	0.20	—	4
Standard Brands	0.525	Jan. 2	4	1.53	1.11	0.71	—	nil
Standard Gas & Electric	—	—	50	6.59	D 0.99	D 1.33	—	7
Standard Oil of N.J.	1.50*	J. D. 15	44	3.47	3.73	6.64	1.81	nil
Texas Gulf Sulphur	2	Mar. 15	16	5.21	2.56	3.02	—	3
Union Carbide & Carbon	2.40†	Jan. 2	26	3.40	4.14	4.81	6.62	8
Union Pacific Railway	6	Jan. 2	198	17.53	8.20	6.15	2.12	6
United Aircraft	1.25†	Irregular	7	—	0.76	1.52	—	4
United Airlines	—	—	6	—	0.26	D 0.52	—	nil
United Corp.	—	—	7	0.55	0.19	0.22	—	nil
United Gas Improvement	1	Mar. 23	11	1.29	1.09	1.09	—	8
U.S. Rubber	—	—	13	nil	3.31	2.21	—	nil
U.S. Steel	—	—	140	12.90	2.91	8.01	—	nil
Vanadium	—	—	26	4.59	0.40	2.22	0.41	nil
Warner Bros. Pictures	—	—	15	1.84	0.75	1.48	—	nil
Westinghouse Elec.	.50	Feb. 28	67	7.22	5.07	7.53	—	2

*Plus extras D Deficit E Est. †Dividends are for the latest four quarters

Shanghai's Foreign Trade Last Month

Imports Total $33,886,922; Figures Show Improvement Over 1938 Totals

According to the monthly returns issued by the Chinese Maritime Customs covering the foreign trade of Shanghai net imports during February totalled $33,886,922; net exports $28,996,811. January-February figures were $73,309,490 and $59,468,250 respectively as compared with the corresponding figures of 1938 of $32,550,502 and $21,079,562.

Net Imports

(Including Bond Withdrawals)

	Feb. 1939 C.S.$	Jan.-Feb. 1938 C.S.$
Cotton P.G. Grey	13,223	41,518
Piece white or dyed	71,516	228,859
Piece printed	12,737	14,858
Piece miscellaneous	36,240	91,782
Cotton raw, yarn	4,[illegible],456	11,795,372
Cotton manu., sundry	53,[illegible]	120,230
Flax, ramie, hemp	193,742	810,670
Wool and manu.	760,853	1,152,693
Silk	1,691,685	2,348,585
Metals and ores	2,235,255	4,663,42[illegible]
Machinery and tools	1,447,756	4,186,1[illegible]
Vehicles and vessels	626,976	1,183,620
Metal manu.,	552,578	2,242,074
Fishery products	270,667	654,928
Canned goods	261,295	735,850
Cereals and flour	2,636,481	2,942,332
Fruits, seeds	469,176	1,053,489
Medicinal goods	172,336	514,726
Sugar	599,653	1,780,148
Wines, beer	55,258	264,636
Tobacco	2,141,838	5,450,145
Pharmaceuticals	1,306,128	2,985,977
Dyes, varnishes	942,537	2,157,234
Candles, resins, etc.,	4,290,534	9,897,522
Books, maps, paper	2,077,089	4,769,240
Hides, leather, etc.,	263,119	470,708
Timber	1,171,199	1,722,026
Bamboo, straw, etc.,	257,402	668,596
Coal, fuel, tar	2,531,552	4,836,295
Chinaware, etc.,	139,294	317,283
Stone, earth	153,270	297,139
Sundry	1,750,876	3,277,846
Grand Total	33,886,922	73,309,490

Net Exports

Animal products	4,535,951	5,527,563
Hides, leather	1,421,014	1,916,036
Fish products	15,536	42,323
Beans and peas	453,510	1,158,565
Cereals	946,353	2,036,263
Dyestuffs, vegetables	832	4,005
Fruits, preserves	21,343	51,822
Medicinals	153,217	345,572
Oils, tallow, wax	444,502	965,559
Seeds	220,860	294,620
Spirituous beverages	34,711	132,993
Sugar	24	24
Tea	356,284	824,687
Tobacco	613,133	1,132,723
Vegetables	18,362	42,245
Vegetable products	277,504	868,138
Bamboo	18,964	40,031
Fuel	43,894	72,811
Rattan	936	3,137
Timber	175,210	300,994
Paper	97,156	123,279
Textile fibres	6,779,151	14,576,128
Yarn, thread	3,817,127	7,663,895
Piece goods	3,147,055	5,786,766
Other textiles	963,065	1,935,647
Ores, metals	535,053	1,878,331
Glass, glassware	162,265	326,726
Stone, earth	159,317	374,115
Chemicals	497,411	1,064,268
Printed matter	179,537	362,243
Sundry	2,563,454	5,166,456
Grand Total	28,996,811	59,468,250

VALUE OF GOLD AND SILVER IMPORTED FROM AND EXPORTED TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

	Feb. Gold G.U.	Silver $	Jan.-Feb. Gold G.U.	Silver $
Imported From Japan				824
Total Imports	*			824†

*Bank-notes, face value Chinese $12,-100,000 were imported during the month.

†Representing, silver bars, 373 hectogrammes value $824; but not including bank-notes, face value Chinese $29,-165,000 and Yen 2,000,000.

IMPORTS FROM AND EXPORTS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES VALUE OF MERCHANDISE

	February 1939 G.U.	$
Imports		
Gross Imports	14,223,273	
Less Re-exports Abroad	173,335	
Net Imports	14,154,936	33,886,922
Exports		
Gross Exports		29,172,584
Less Reimports from Abroad		175,773
Net Exports		28,996,811
Total Net Imports and Exports		62,883,733
Excess of Imports Exports		4,890,111

	January-February 1938 G.U.	$	1939 G.U.	$
Imp. G.U. $				
Gross Imp. 14,659,779		31,041,697		
Less Re-exp. Abroad 218,506		481,396		
Net Imp. 14,440,671	32,550,502	30,560,301	73,309,490	
Exports				
Gross Exp. 21,129,566				59,979,699
Less Reimp. from Abroad 50,004				510,759
Net Exp. 21,079,562				59,468,250
Total Net Imp. and Exp. 53,630,664				132,777,740
Excess of Imports Exports 11,740,940				13,841,240

Corn and Wheat Plantings

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Department of Agriculture estimated today that farmers will plant 92,062,000 acres of corn and 19,505,000 acres of wheat in the United States this spring.—United Press.

B.I.S. President Not To Be Re-Elected

Basle, Mar. 18.

The President of the Bank for International Settlements, Dr. Beyens, whose term of office expires in May, 1940, informed the Board of Administration that he wishes no re-appointment. Dr. Beyens has been invited to join the board of the Anglo-Netherlands company Lever Brothers and Unilevers and will enter upon his new post as soon as he has been discharged from the present office.—Trans-Ocean.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans left for home leave in the Empress of Japan which sailed for Vancouver early this morning.

Mr. Kenji Kodama, President of the Central China Development Company, left here for Japan on the N.Y.K. Nagasaki Maru at 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. V. G. Bowden, Australian Government Trade Commissioner, arrived in Shanghai in the Empress of Japan yesterday after a trip to Hongkong and Manila.

The new Chamber of Fasces and Corporations will be inaugurated in Rome on March 23 in the presence of King Victor-Emmanuel III, who will deliver a speech which is being keenly awaited in Rome circles.

Tommy Manville, American asbestos heir, has proposed marriage to Miss Yvonne Arden, 20-year old British-born singer, it is learned in New York. Miss Arden said no date had yet been set for the wedding which will be Mr. Manville's fifth.

Pope Pius XII received the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, on Saturday for a half hour's conversation. The Minister was accompanied by members of the Italian Government delegation to the Pope's Coronation. Later, Count Ciano visited Cardinal Secretary of State Maglione.

Favourite granddaughter of 64-year-old Sultan Ibrahim of Johore, Tungku (Princess) Zahrah, elder daughter of Tungku (Prince) Abu Bakar, the Sultan's second son, has died of typhoid at the age of 17. She was an enthusiastic Girl Guide. Ceremonial white and yellow umbrellas were carried at the funeral. The Sultan received the news in Berlin.

Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Secretary of Overseas Trade, left London on Saturday night on a visit to Warsaw, Moscow, and other north-European capitals. He will be accompanied for the purpose of these trade talks by Mr. F. T. A. Ashton-Gwatkin, head of the Economic Relations Department at the Foreign Office, in addition to officials of his own department.

Montana cowboys have decided that with the steady decrease in the cowboy profession something must be done to perpetuate the tradition. With one Montana Cowboys Association already in existence, a second one is now being organized in the Billings district. Membership will be open only to bona fide cowboys and to the sons and daughters of old time range riders.

A wire urging that branch offices of Chinese commercial banks should not be re-established in the occupied areas has been sent by the Ministry of Finance to local Chinese banking circles. All the banks are urged to adopt this step in order that Chinese Government bank-notes may be prevented from falling into the hands of the Japanese, so that the Chinese currency position may be stabilized.

General Yuan Shih-sen, formerly commander of the 160th Army Corps, was shot and killed by two armed men while he was just entering a public health station in Kunming, Yunnan, on Friday, says a Chinese message. The murderers were Yang Wei-chien and Yang Wei-yang, who said that they were taking a revenge for their father, Yang Chen, who was one time counsellor to the murdered man, and who had been shot by order from the latter.

The Chinese Government has now accepted the invitation to China to participate in the conferences of the International Tea Federation which are to be held in London some time in March, 1940. A Chinese Government representative will be sent to London, while the Ministry of Economics has decided to send samples of red and green tea to the conference as exhibits, with a view to reviving international interest in China's products, the report states.

Lithuania Denies Memel Ultimatum

German Denial Cited by Government Organ

Kovno, Mar. 18.

The Lithuanian Government last night energetically denied reports that Dr. Ernst Neumann, leader of the Memel Germans, had demanded that Lithuania grant Memel complete independence.

The Government's paper, "Lietuvos Aidas," called attention to the official German D.N.B. agency denial of "alarming dispatches from Memel."

The paper recalled that Dr. Neumann had recently declared he had no intention of attempting to alter the status of Memel by force.—United Press.

Diet to Meet on March 25

Kaunas, Mar. 18.

The Memel Diet has been convoked for a meeting on March 25.—Havas.

New Sugar Quotas Announced

Washington, Mar. 18.

The Department of Commerce yesterday announced the following revised sugar quotas based on the Department's revised estimate of American consumers' needs.

Hawaii	948,218 tons
Philippines	1,041,023 tons
Puerto Rico	806,642 tons
Cuba	1,932,343 tons
U.S. Mainland (beet)	1,566,719 tons
U.S. Mainland (cane)	424,727 tons
Foreign	26,710 tons

—United Press.

Robbery Foiled When Alarm is Raised

Three men, one armed with an imitation pistol and another with a knife, entered a Chinese dwelling house at house 26, Lane 754 Tiendong Road shortly after 9.30 p.m. yesterday but decamped without stealing anything because an occupant of the house raised the alarm. Detectives from West Hongkew Police station are investigating the case.

Herr Heinrich Himmler

Chief of German Secret Police

Herr Heinrich Himmler, chief of the Gestapo, the dreaded secret police, was among the first Nazi executives to enter Prague with the German Army. He is reported to have told the press that his agents had arrested 10,000 "suspects" within the first few hours of occupation.

Luxury Liner to Call At Shanghai

Lloyd Triestino Inaugurate New Service to Italy

Residents in China going on Home leave in the spring season will be interested to know that the Lloyd Triestino Line, without altering the itinerary of the Far East Europe Express Service operated by the vessels, Conte Biancamano, Conte Rosso, Conte Verde and mv. Victoria, with fortnightly sailings from Shanghai, have arranged for a subsidiary voyage from Italy to Shanghai and back by the ss. Giulio Cesare, which on this occasion will make her first appearance in Indian and Far Eastern ports.

Sailing from Shanghai on May 18 she will call at the ports as follows: Manila, May 21; Singapore, May 25; Colombo, May 30; Bombay, June 2; Massowah, June 8 Port Said, June 11; Naples, June 15; and Genoa on June 16.

The Giulio Cesare has during the past years been operating on the Genoa-South African run and she possesses several remarkable features, including open air swimming pools, sun bathing decks, sport decks, private dining rooms, children's rooms, verandahs, music and dancing rooms in both first and second classes.

The gross tonnage of the ship is 21,900 tons, her displacement is 27,432 tons. Possessing a length of 633 feet, she is 76 feet wide and can carry 150 first class passengers and 441 second class.

High Speed Launches For Royal Navy

Latest Types Tested On Thames Near Dagenham

A demonstration of some of the latest types of high speed motor launches built by Thornycroft's at their Hampton-on-Thames Yard, for the Royal Navy, was carried out recently on the Thames alongside the Ford jetty at Dagenham.

These launches are carried on destroyers and the larger warships for use as general fast service tenders, and are typical of the modern equipment being furnished to H.M. Ships.

The boats, of 25 ft. in length with a beam of 7 ft., are stoutly built of double skin mahogany planking on sawn timbers and intermediate steamed and bent timbers, the hull construction enabling the craft to withstand any amount of strain and hard usage.

Each boat is driven by a Thornycroft marine converted Ford V-8 engine of 65 H.P. and has a speed of about 20 knots. Accommodation is provided for the officers in the forward cabin and in the aft cabin for the crew, comfortable cushioned seats being fitted in each compartment. A hinged hatch at the forward end of the Officer's cabin allows communication with the helmsman, whose cockpit forward is equipped with a tip-up cushioned seat, and the engine controls and reverse gear are close at hand to the steering wheel. Remarkable ease of handling and acceleration are features of these craft.

Royal Air Force Plane Crashes Near Glasgow

London, Mar. 19.

The crew of four was killed when an aeroplane of the British Air Force crashed near Glasgow yesterday.—Trans-Ocean.

Bombay Cotton Market

Bombay, Mar. 18.

Cotton buyers in Bombay are becoming more interested in Broach and their uncovered requirements are considered to be substantial, judging from the manner in which exporters are placing contracts, even for forward deliveries, in upcountry markets.

The daily off-take during the past week easily exceeded arrivals, and the position of the interior markets for Broach remained rather oversold.

The basis is gradually creeping up, with sellers holding off for better prices, while the import duty imposed on foreign cotton spurred mills in Bombay and Ahmedabad to cover their forward requirements of Sirats.

Japanese houses bought moderately forward during the week, while exporters to Shanghai placed further orders, and there was some business in Oomras and Broach booked for the Continent and Lancashire. Almost 75 per cent. of the Surti crop has been marketed, and arrivals have commenced in Southern districts.—Reuter.

Increase in Gold Shipments to U.S.

Washington, Mar. 17.

The Department of Commerce last night reported a sharp increase in gold imports to the United States, reflecting high European tension.—United Press.

Dr. Benes to Form "Government"

Los Angeles, Mar. 19.

Dr. Edouard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia, will shortly announce the formation of a Czechoslovak "Provisional Government" in the United States, according to M. Janovsky, the Czechoslovak Consul here.—Reuter.

S.M.P. Detectives Arrest Suspects

Men Connected with Hold-Up When C.P.C. Was Killed

Bringing week-long investigations to an apparently successful conclusion, a party of detectives from Bubbling Well Police station raided various houses off Ferry Road shortly after 7 p.m. yesterday evening and arrested a number of men, believed to be seven or eight in number, who, it is understood, are members of the gang which perpetrated an armed robbery at the An Loh Cotton Weaving factory on Brenan Road on March 1 when C. P. C. 2067 was killed after he challenged the gunmen who got away with nearly $2,000.

No further details were available yesterday as the suspects are at present being questioned and it was understood that other arrests may follow. It could not be ascertained whether or not the arrested men had admitted taking part in the armed robbery. Should they be the men, it is more than likely that a number of other armed robberies recently perpetrated in the Western district, will be solved.

"Deficiency of information in Japanese English-language newspapers is completed very successfully by an English newspaper in Kobe **The Japan Chronicle** . . on its page can often be found criticisms of the political and economic actions of the Japanese Government and various other information which gives the opportunity to observe and to analyse the Japanese economic situation In addition to the usual material obtainable from all the Japanese English-language newspapers. The **Japan Chronicle** gives a very detailed and comprehensive review of the foreign trade of Japan. It regularly prints statistics pertaining to Japanese exports and the state of the home market." — *Extracts from U.S.S.R Chamber of Commerce Journal.*

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Sections of the Harbour

1 North Chinese Bund to Kinleeyuen.
2 Kinleeyuen Wharf to Signal Station.
3 Signal Station to Custom House.
4 Customs Shed to Peking Road Jetty.
5 Peking Road Jetty to Old Dock.
6 Old Dock to S. & H. Wharf Flagstaff.
7 S. & H. Flagstaff to Old Ningpo.
8 Old Ningpo to Chinwangtao Jetty.
9 Chingwangtao to Waterworks Intake
10 Waterworks to Yanking Creek.
11 Yangking to Cosmopolitan Dock.

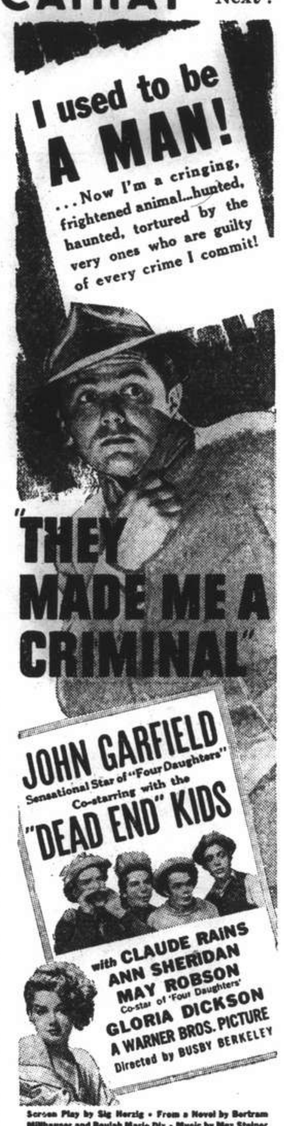
Lower Section Cosmopolitan Dock to Woosung.

Wharves and Docks

S=Shanghai side. P=Pootung side.

APCGIW	A.P.C. Gough Is. Wharf	P I.S.
APCLW	A.P.C. Lower Wharf	P 11
APCUW	A.P.C. Upper Wharf	P 10
BJ	Boyd's Jetty	P 6
CMCW	China Merchants' Central	S 5
CMEW	China Merchants' Eastern	P 10
CMLW	China Merchants' Lower	S 7
CNCBs	China Nav. Co. Buoys	S 2
CNCW	China Nav. Co. Wharf	S 2
CNPW	C.N. Co. Pootung Wharf	S 2
COCW	China Oil Co. Wharf	P I.S.
CosD	Cosmopolitan Dock	P 11
CosDW	Cosmo. Dock Wharf	P 11
GJ	Garden Jetty	S 5
HSW	Hoong Shin Wharf Co.	P 1
HtW	Hunt's Wharf	S 6
HWYK	Holt's Yang King	P 10
IntD	International Dock	P 11
IntDW	Int. Dock Wharf	P 11
JNJ	Japanese Naval Jetty	P 8
KLYBs	Kinleeyuen Buoys	S 1 & 2
KLYW	Kinleeyuen Wharf	S 1 & 2
KMAW	Kailan Wharf	P 1
KPW	Kaiyosha Pootung	P 1
KSD	Kiousin Dock	S?
KW	Kwanghua Oil Co.	P I.S.
MBKUW	M.B.K. Upper Wharf	P 1
MBKW	M.B.K. Wharf	P 1
McKW	Mackenzie's Wharf	P 2
MW	Mollers' Wharves	S6
NKKW	Nisshin Kisen Whf.	P U?
NSCW	Ningshao Co. Wharf	S 1
NYKMW	N.Y.K. Mail Wharf	S ?
NYKPW	N.Y.K. Pootung Wharf	P 10
OD	Old Dock	S 6
ONW	Old Ningpo Wharf	S 7 & 8
OSKYW	O.S.K. Yangtszepoo	S ?
OW	Outside Woosung	
PWE	Pootung Wharf East, Ewo	P 9
PWW	Pootung Wharf West, Ewo	P 9
QA	Quarantine Anchorage	
SHW	S'hai & H'kew Whf.	S 6 & 7
SOCW	Standard Oil Wharf	P I.S.
TDW	Tai Dong Wharf	S 8
VOCW	Vacuum Oil Co. Wharf	P I.S.
WIA	Woosung Inner Anchorage	
WSW	Wayside Wharf	S 8
WTW	Watung Wharf	S 1
WW	Whangpoo Wharf	S 6
YPD	Yangtszepoo Dock	S 9
YPDW	Yangtszepoo Dock Whf.	S 9
YW	Yangtszepoo Wharf	P 10

CATHAY Coming Next!



WATCH FOR DATE!

Yesterday's Arrivals

Name	From	Consignees
Don Jose	Ningpo	C.A.S.S.
M. Margarida	Wenchow	Maria S.N
Emp. of Japan	Hongkong	C.P.R
Fukwang	Tientsin	A.P.C
Tingsang	Hongkong	Jardine
Corfu	Hongkong	Mackenzie
Tejo	T'lungkong	I.C.R.N
Tseangtah	Tungchow	Mow Tung
Liesel	Haimen	Ta Lung
Shunwo	Tungchow	Jardine
Chingning M.	Tungchow	N.K.K.
Acadia	Japan	Melchers
Com. Paolini	Wenchow	I.C.R.N
Haikong	Hsinkong	Keh Lee
Ave-Maria	Tungchow	P.N.S.T.
Heini	Haimen	G.F.E
Lipari	Haimen	C.I.N
Kiangting	C'kiakong	Foo Hwa
Fooksing	Tungchow	Wha Ying

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Tsingtao M.	Jap.	D.K.K
Lipari	Ital.	C.I.N
Alexandra	Br.	Young's Shn.
Kiangting	Ger.	Foo Hwa
Wusueh	Br.	B.&S.
Dama	Port.	Sheng Ma
C'stine Moller	Br.	Mollers'
Shinhwa	Br.	G. L.Shaw
Liwo	Br.	Jardine
Faro	Port.	P.N.&T.
Patti	Ital.	Chang Yuen
Nantung M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Nagasaki M.	Jap.	N.Y.K
Shantung	Br.	B.&S
Chingning M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Anshing	Jap.	N.K.K.
Isabel Moller	Br.	K.M.A
Busan M.	Jap.	N.Y.K.
Unyo M.	Jap.	M.P.V.
Amba Alagi	Ital.	C.I.N.
Shinfu	Br.	G. L.Shaw
Huashan M.	Jap.	N.K.K.
Solviken	Nor.	Union S.S.
Tai Ping Yang	Nor.	Dodwell
Enderta	Ital.	C.I.N.
Don Jose	Port.	C.A.S.S.
Hsin Peking	Br.	B.&S.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Dorsetshire	Br.	Cr.	B.N.B.
Gnat	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Mantis	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Peterel	Br.	Gbt.	Y.P.D.W.
Guam	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
Isabel	Am.	Slp.	B.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
S. de Brazza	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
Tahure	Fr.	Gbt.	F.N.B.
B. Colleoni	Itl.	Cr.	J.N.B.
Lepanto	Itl.	Gbt.	J.N.B.

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Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
MONDAY, March 20.				
Swatow H'kong Haiphong	Kiungchow		7.30	8.00
Kwangtung	Kiungchow		7.30	8.00
Ningpo	Tembien		11.30	12.00
Ningpo	Hanna		13.30	14.00
Keelung Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) S.S. and India (Y)	Hakone M.	A	15.00	15.30
Hongkong (Y)	Hakone M.		15.00	15.30
Aust. N.Z. and Manila	E. of Asia		15.00	16.00
Hongkong and Canton	E. of Asia		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Don Pedro		18.30	19.00
Wenchow	C. Paolini		19.30	20.00
TUESDAY, March 21.				
Weihaiwei Chefoo Tientsin	Liangchow		8.30	9.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Taiyuan		8.30	9.00
Kwangtung	Taiyuan		8.30	9.00
Swatow and Hongkong	Chaksang		8.30	9.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Tingsang		8.30	10.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Tingsang		9.30	10.00
Foochow	Laesang		12.00	12.30
H'kow Wuchang Hanyang	Sanwa M.		13.30	14.00
Aust. (Y) N.Z. (Y) S.S. and India (Y)	Burdwan		15.00	16.00
Hongkong (Y)	Burdwan		15.30	16.00
Japan via Kobe	Ajax	Y	16.00	16.30
Central Am. Canal Zone	Tai Ping	BZ	—	—

A Parcel mail for France, Gt. Britain and other countries, closes at 12.00 on 20th.
B Parcel mail for Central America and Canal Zone, closes at 16.00 on 21st.
Y Superscribed correspondence.
Z Parcel mail only.

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Air mails for Ningsia, Shensi, Szechwan, Yunnan, Kwelchow, Hupeh (Shasi and west) and west thereof are to be forwarded to Hongkong for further transmission by the Hongkong-Chungking plane.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Via Siberia by steamer to Tientsin or Chinwangtao for transmission.
Next steamer mails will be closed as follow :—

ss. Victoria, via Suez, March 23, due London April 18.
ss. Canton, via Suez, March 23, due London April 29.

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per Empress of Japan, March 19, from **Vancouver** and **Hongkong**: Mr. J Alkow, Mr. V. G. Bowden, Mr. W. E. Knox, Mr. F. Hanghwrut, Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. E. T. and Mrs. Russell, Miss G. Russell, Mrs. G. C. Stater, Mr. R. J. Ellis, Mr. L. L and Mrs. Farnsworth, Mr R. E. Francis, Mr. D Goodman, Miss M. Gubbay, Mrs. E. F. Hardman Mr. C. Hasegawa, Mr. H. Itch, Mr. V. L. and Mrs Jean, Mrs. W. H. and Mstr. T. A. Lewis, Mr. D. McLorn, Mr. A. Malcolm, Mr. F. C. and Mrs. Munn, Mr. J. Ven den Bosch, Mr. P. R. M. and Mstr. R. M. Wallis, Mr. X. Reshiram, Mr. W. H. and Mrs. Crothers, Rev. H. Henry, Mrs. W. R. Hiland, Mrs. A. O. O'Neil, Dr. J. H. Rindlaub, Dr. E. Rindlaub, Mr. R. Woods, Mr. C. W. Borton, Dr. H. M. Hodgkia, Mr. M. A. Kardish, Mr. E. L. Kilbourne, Mr. C. and Mrs. King, Mr. W. and Mrs. McBride, Mr. R. G. de la and Mrs. Pomerayo, Mr. A. Pregensky, Mr. J. Hay, Miss M. Bain, Mr. A. J. Craft, Mr. P. Catalan, Rev. W A. and Mrs. Eckel, Mrs E. D. Frew, Mr. K. Moeller, Mr. D. M. Allen, Miss D. R. Abel, Mr. W. au dem Siepen, Mr. W. R. and Mrs. Andercox, Mrs. M. G. Baker, Mr. T. and Mrs. Baker, Dr. A. B. and Mrs. Cecil, Mr. R. P. and Mrs. Galloway, Mr. S. O. and Mrs. Halls, Col F. Hodsell, Mrs. A. S. Kochtitzky, Mr. J. F. Maury, Mrs. and Miss K. Maury, Mr. C. S. and Mrs. Salmen, Mr. P. C. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. E. Y Armstrong, Mrs. W. C Babcock, Mr. C. M. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. H. W Boesch, Mr. K. W Blaisdell, Mr. R. B Bowman, Mr. L. C. and Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. L. T Emens, Mrs. H. S. Honigoberg, Mrs. O. A. Jones, Mrs. A. W. Jordan, Mrs. C. P. A. Levy, Mrs. N. E. Mack, Mr. J. E. and Mrs. McAdams, Mrs. E. Smith, Mrs. M. B. Stafford, Mr. F. R. Titcomb, Mr. L. and Mrs. Trott, Mr. J. Wilforth, Mr. A. H. Greenburg, Mr. C. and Mrs. Aschan, Mr. A. R and Mrs. Cex, Mr. N Kimura, Mr. L. W. and Mrs. Leahy, Mr. G Rethschild, Mr. P. G. Van Demselaar, Dr. W. L. and Mrs. Albin, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Clarksen, Mstr Clarkson, Mr. R. G. Daubeny Mrs E. Everts, Miss F. S. Mr. W. A. Gordon Hall, Mr. A. E. Hampson Miss M. C. Kerr, Mr. J. F. Lunny, Mrs. E. Sinclair Mr. E. M. and Mr. S Whitcomb, Mrs. and Miss J. Whitcomb, Mr. A. R. Anderson, Mr. G. S. and Mrs. Archbutt, Miss D. Archbutt, Mrs. J. Bowler, Mrs. J. S. and Mstr. J. H Coxen, Mr. K. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. J. Cuniam, Miss A. M. Davies, Miss M. Dobson, Lt. Col J. Le C. and Mrs. Fowle, Miss D. P. Geen, Dr. W. I and Mrs. Gerrard, Mr. J N. Guzder, Mrs. P. M. Hedgson, Mr. N. G. Morris, Mrs. E. N. and Mstr. M. Paget, Mstr. P. E. Paget, Mr. M. M Pittard, Mr. H. E. and Mrs. Reuffaer, Mrs. Reuffaer, Mr. H. G. and Mrs. Scott, Mr. J. P Sherry, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Mrs. Taggart, Mr. D. S. and Mrs. Van Buskirk, Mr. M. Sawamatsu, Mr T. E. and Miss J. V. Da Silva, Mr. W. Mac Quarrio, Mr. Gene Wado, Mr. E.E. Franklin, Miss J. G. Craft, Rev. R. and Mrs. Cummings, Mstr. R. and Mstr. J. Cummings, Mr. G. W. C. Neville Mrs. H. W. Smith, Mr. R D. Altherp, Mr. R. L. Dawo, Mr. S. J. Halkett Mr. C. R. Hawkins, Mrs T. W. Hinch, Miss J. Kerstetter, Mr. K. K Kline, Miss F. Mackinnon, Mr. J. and Mrs. Mc-Kelvie, Miss E. and Miss M. McKelvie, Mstr. I. McKelvie, Mr. A. and Mrs. Marshall, Mr. J. Mendese Frank, Mr. W. Muir, Mr T. D. Paton, Miss A. C Pendor, Mrs. E. and Miss M. Sargent, Mrs. H. Seth Mr. T. H. Smith, Mr. G Mr. and Mrs. Trogeer Mrs. A. M. and Miss M. Williamson, Mr. D. and Mrs. Chanumal, Lt. F. E. Calhoun, Mr. J. J. Allex, Mrs. M. S. Boyarth, Miss D. Danner, Mrs. J. W. Escoda, Mrs. I. Ocampo Mr. R. Salter, Mr. N. W Spears, Mrs. K. Williams, Mr. R. D. Bennett, Mr. A. H. Fegarty, Mrs. G and Mr. Guevars, Mr. L and Mrs. Meote, Miss P Meote, Rev. T. J. Reale, Mrs. W. and Mstr. Alee Schlemmer, Mr. E Tabarangae, Mr. F. and Mrs. Yagyagan, Mr. M and Mrs. De Mesa, Mr. Demenden, Mr. Quecrubin Lezane, Mr. Aubrey Henry, Mr. Emanuel Lyn Aston, Mstr. Charles Williams Wilson, Mstr. Rey Williams Kennoth.

DEPARTURES

Per Kiungchow, March 20, for **Hongkong**:-L/Cpl. Mackay, L/Cpl. Dunlop, Cpl. Richards, Mr. Fonareff, Capt. Tinson, L/Sgt. Storey, Miss Z. A Arnold, Sapper Fisher, Pte. Renwick, Pte. Spenner.

Vessels Discharging

CORFU. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Corfu, from London and Ports, bringing Cargo ex s.s. Amstelstroom, from Amsterdam. —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Friday, March 24, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 21-3

SOMALI. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Somali, from London and Ports bringing Cargo ex s.s. Roek, from Rotterdam. —This steamer is discharging Cargo at the Pootung Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Cargo. Consignees of "Bulk Cargo" will further be required to send their Representatives to the Wharf to verify the weights of such Cargo whilst it is being landed. Examination of ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Pootung Wharf on Friday, March 24, at 9 a.m., by Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy. All Claims against this steamer must be sent in within fifteen days from date of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be recognized. All risks of Fire etc. at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of the Cargo. Pro. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents. 21-3

TAI PING YANG. The m.s. Tai Ping Yang, from New York via Ports is now discharging her cargo at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.'s Old Ningpo Wharf. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. All risk of fire at the wharf and godowns is to be borne by Consignees. Any claims against this vessel must be sent in within fifteen (15) days after vessel's arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co's Old Ningpo Wharf at 9 a.m. March 23, 1939, when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will be in attendance Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Agents, 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11569. 21-3

Vessels Arriving To-day

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening.

From **GENOA:** Victoria, with mail, due 10 a.m., Hunt's Wharf. Passengers due Custom Jetty 11.30 a.m.

From **VANCOUVER:** Empress of Asia, with mail, due 12.30 p.m., Shanghai & Hongkew Wharf. Passengers due Custom Jetty 1.30 p.m.

From **YOKOHAMA:** Hakone Maru, due 11 a.m., Wayside Wharf.

From **HONGKONG:** Taiyuan, due a.m., French Bund Kwangtung, due p.m., French Bund.

From **TIENTSIN:** Chaksang, due 11 a.m., Roosevelt Terminal.

Due at Future Dates

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GDYNIA

Protesilaus	7/2	31/3
Bellerophon	7/3	28/4

From COPENHAGEN

Java	30/12	21/3
Kina	1/2	7/4

From OSLO

Titania	17/2	13/4

From HAMBURG

Potsdam	18/2	27/3
Regensburg	11/3	16/4
Bellerophon	11/3	28/4

From BREMEN

Ramses	7/2	31/3
Kulmerland	21/2	12/4
Nordmark	7/3	22/4

From ROTTERDAM

Shantung	15/2	27/3
Nordmark	16/3	22/4
Tamara	9/3	25/4

From ANTWERP

Marburg	8/2	21/3
Glenbeg	21/1	24/3
Glenaffaric	4/2	1/4
Franken	24/2	15/4
Abbekerk	20/2	15/4
Glenapp	18/2	16/4
Regensburg	12/3	16/4
Denbighshire	4/3	29/4
Glenshiel	18/3	4/5
Serooskerk	20/3	13/5

From GLASGOW

Ajax	28/1	21/3
Hector	11/2	31/3
Menestheus	25/2	13/4
Aeneas	11/3	1/5

From LIVERPOOL

Philoctetes	11/2	26/3
Menestheus	4/3	13/4
Telresias	25/2	14/4
Diomed	11/3	21/4
Aeneas	18/3	1/5

From LONDON

Suwa M.	17/2	23/3
Chitral	24/2	2/4
Terukuni M.	3/3	7/4
Carthage	10/3	16/4
Bangalore	4/3	17/4
Hakusan M.	17/3	24/4
Denbighshire	18/3	29/4

See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK

Eurybates	27/1	25/3
Anna Maersk	10/2	28/3
Cingal Prince	11/2	29/3
Irisbank	7/2	2/4
C. Athens	18/2	19/4
Ivaran	25/2	19/4
Agapenor	27/2	21/4
Foylebank	6/3	23/4
Malay Prince	9/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	10/3	27/4
C. Pittsburg	16/3	13/5

From SAVANNAH

Agapenor	5/3	21/4
Malay Prince	12/3	24/4
Niel Maersk	15/3	27/4

From SEATTLE

Ixion	17/2	23/3

From VANCOUVER

E. of Canada	18/3	4/4

From LOS ANGELES

Kamakura M.	27/2	26/3
Anna Maersk	3/3	28/3
P. Coolidge	6/3	28/3
Silverteak	4/3	11/4

From MARSEILLES

Chenonceaux	17/2	22/3
Mar. Joffre	3/3	31/3
J. Laborde	17/3	14/4
Carthage	17/3	16/4

From TRIESTE

C. Verdi	3/3	2/4
Arabia	20/2	20/4

From PORT SAID

Titania	15/3	13/4
Abbekerk	14/3	15/4
Franken	12/3	15/4

From SUEZ

Terukuni M.	15/3	7/4
Kulmerland	16/3	12/4
Glenapp	16/3	16/4

From ADEN

Bangalore	20/3	17/4

From BOMBAY

C. Verde	20/3	2/4

From COLOMBO

Potsdam	13/3	27/3
Ramses	16/3	31/3
Mar. Joffre	17/3	31/3
Chitral	18/3	2/4

From PENANG

Glenaffaric	17/3	1/4

From SINGAPORE

Boissevain	17/3	24/3
Philoctetes	18/3	26/3
Suwa M.	20/3	23/3
Protesilaus	20/3	31/3
Hector	20/3	31/3
Ramses	20/3	1/4
Kina	18/3	7/4

From SOERABAIA

Tjisaroea	13/3	1/4
Tjisadane	17/3	1/4

From BATAVIA

Tjisaroea	16/3	1/4

From MANILA

Marburg	15/3	21/3

From HONGKONG

See "China Ports" below.

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN

Boissevain	15/2	24/3

TRAVEL AND SHIPPING

N.Y.K. LINE

Orient-San Francisco Line
via Honolulu
KAMAKURA MARU .... Apr. 1
ASAMA MARU .... Apr. 19

Orient-Seattle Line
via Vancouver
From Kobe
HIKAWA MARU .... Mar. 29

Orient-New York Line
via Los Angeles and Panama
NAGARA MARU .... Apr. 11
NOZIMA MARU .... Apr. 27

Japan-Australia Line
via Hongkong and Manila
From Hongkong
ATUTA MARU ..... Mar. 25

European Mail Line
London, Hamburg and Marseilles via Hongkong, Straits, Ceylon and Aden
*HAKONE MARU .... Mar. 21
øHUSIMI MARU ..... Apr. 4
(*Calls at Keelung)
(øCalls at Casablanca)

Kobe Express Service
TAIYO MARU ..... —

Nagasaki Express Service
SHANGHAI MARU .. Mar. 22
NAGASAKI MARU .. Mar. 24
SHANGHAI MARU .. Mar. 27
NAGASAKI MARU .. Mar. 29

Shanghai-Yokohama.
SUWA MARU ..... Mar. 29
TERUKUNI MARU . Apr. 8

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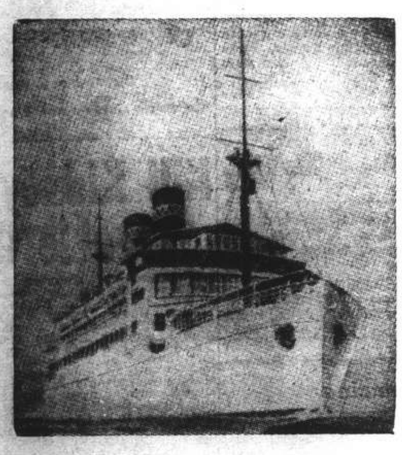

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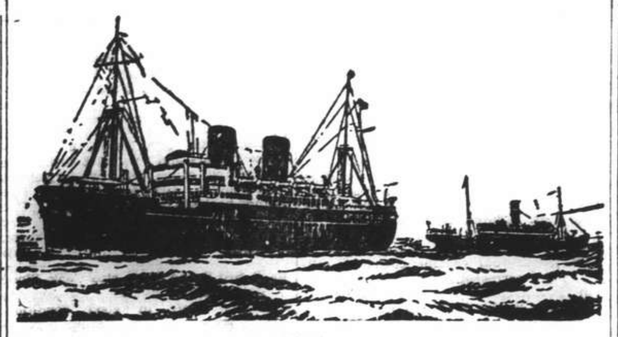

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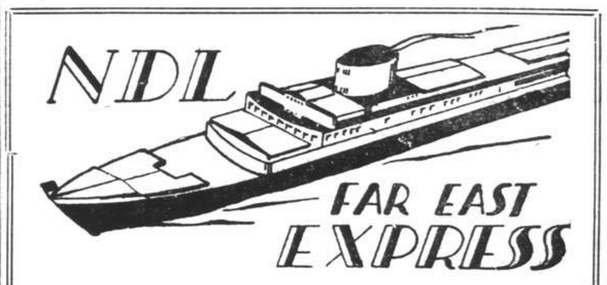

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Premier's Speech Seen as End Of Appeasement Policy

Closer Anglo-French Relations Expected; Berlin Says Moravia Absorption Germany's Own Affair

London, Mar. 18.

MR. Neville Chamberlain's speech at Birmingham last night was regarded by diplomatic quarters today as a complete abandonment of the British appeasement policy, in so far as it concerns Germany, the beginning of a new chapter in Anglo-German relations ominously resembling the status of those relations in the years preceding the Great War. The British Prime Minister's speech was believed to mark the most important re-orientation of British foreign and domestic policy since the Great War and is expected to have tremendous effect on the future of Europe.

"Mr. Chamberlain has hung up his umbrella," one commentator here said. "He has tacitly admitted that his appeasement policy has collapsed in ruins. His injection of the question whether Czechoslovakia's annexation by Germany is a step in world domination by force constitutes another parallel in Anglo-German relations before the Great War.

"One effect of the Czechoslovakia developments is that there likely will be an even closer Anglo-French rapprochement, commencing with the state visit of President Albert Lebrun of France on Tuesday."

Observers believed it also would intensify popular demand for the establishment of some form of conscription, a general revision of foreign policy and a general speeding up in rearmament.—United Press.

Germany's Own Business

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Berlin, Mar. 18.

"A British statesman should be the last to question whether the world, or the nation, is entitled to take care of other nationalities," declares the official German newspaper, the "Diplomatische Korrespondenz," in commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

"Britain regards her world power as a fact that must not be touched by others. She therefore, has every reason to avoid an attitude which might give the impression she is not ready to concede the same principle to other great nations," the paper adds.

"We are not inclined to listen to reproaches from a country which has acquired an Empire by robbery," writes the "Boersenzeitung." The incorporation of Bohemia, Moravia, is an event of no concern to Great Britain and its settlement is within the realm of the Reich. Therefore, it is purely a German affair, the paper states.—Reuter.

Berlin Official Statement

Berlin, Mar. 19.

The reproaches made by Mr. Chamberlain, in his speech Friday night against Germany, are stated in Berlin political quarters to be wide off the mark and to fail realizing the most essential point of the events under criticism. If Mr. Chamberlain speaks of a violation of the Munich agreement by the German action in Bohemia and Moravia and insists that Great Britain should have been consulted prior to the solution of the Czechoslovak problem, he must be reminded that no obligation for such a consultation existed for Germany, just as the British Government is not obliged to consult Germany before taking measures in the sphere of purely British interests. Germany had never pretended in Munich that she was unprepared to play the leading part in the German living space. In fact, Germany had left no doubt that in the sphere of interests of the German life she would not recognize any other interests.

If now the international situation and particularly the situation in Central Europe had developed differently to what Mr. Chamberlain interprets as the development expected as the outcome of Munich, the blame lies with the political line adopted by the Czechoslovakian Government making the aspired development impossible. No objective observer of the political attitude of the English and French press in the months following the Munich agreement can deny that it was this press which instead of advising the Czechoslovak Government to stick to the line of the Munich agreement, did everything possible to make Prague forget that Munich meant the end of the Versailles conception giving the western powers the predominance in Central and Southeastern Europe, Berlin quarters declare.

In addition to this, it must be recalled that the various statements by western European statesmen during the last months were little less than an encouragement for certain Southeastern European states to interpret their part in the Central European politics in the same sense as prior to the Munich agreement. It was on this occasion that the spirit of the Munich agreement was broken, and Prague was not slow to realize this.

The German press at that time did not fail to warn against such dangerous tactics, the circles in question point out.

Premier Misinformed

If, moreover, Mr. Chamberlain now asserts that Germany, by incoporating foreign races within the Reich, has left the principles so far observed in her foreign policy in racial aspects, the British Prime Minister, so Berlin quarters emphasize, shows lack of correct information on the way the agreement between the Fuehrer and Dr. Hacha was reached. Mr. Chamberlain stated that the German troops were moved into the direction of the former Czechoslovakia before State President Dr. Hacha was received in Berlin. The British Premier forgets that on March 14 at 5 p.m. Berlin time the Prague radio station announced that State President Dr. Hacha, who was on his way to Berlin, was going there in full realization "of the historic and geographic necessity for an incorporation of the Czech state within the sovereignty of the German Reich." This was equivalent to an announcement of Dr. Hacha's decision to entrust the fate of the Czech people to Chancellor Hitler. It was therefore not a case of forcible incorporation but of the fulfilment of a wish of the Czech people not to be absorbed by the German people but to be allowed to be incorporated in the sphere of Greater Germany's interests with the certainty to be allowed to lead its own cultured life. To ensure this wish, the Reich protectorate over Bohemia and Moravia was established.

If, finally, Mr. Chamberlain asks whether the solution of the Czechoslovak problem had been "the last attack on a small state" or whether "Germany would attempt to dominate the world by force," Mr. Chamberlain is reminded by Berlin political quarters of the difference between the historic and political position of former Czechoslovakia as regards Germany and the historic and political position of other small European states in relation to Berlin. Germany sees no reason why other European states should consider themselves on the same level with the former Czechoslovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

Switzerland Shocked

Berlin, Mar. 18.

President Etter, in a radio broadcast today, said that the disappearance of Czechoslovakia as an independent state had profoundly shocked Switzerland.

"The Swiss people are firmly resolved for any sacrifice to preserve their liberty and independence, while remaining aware of the rights and duties of neutrality," President Etter stated.—Reuter.

Japan Needs More Troops in China

Army in Occupation Will Have Fund for Buying Raw Material

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Japan needs large Army concentrations in Manchoukuo and China rather than an increase of its divisions in Japan, Maj.-Gen. Ryoki Machijiri, Director of the Military Affairs Bureau in the War Office, declared in a reply to interpellations advanced in joint budgetary subcommittee meetings in the Lower House this morning.

Demands had been made in some quarters to increase army divisions in Japan, Maj.-Gen. Machijiro said, but the establishment of these new military forces could not be decided upon at present, as the size of Japan's standing Army could not be determined while hostilities were still in progress, he remarked. "All that can be said at present is that more military forces are needed in China and Manchoukuo," Maj.-Gen. Machijiri declared.

Japanese military authorities have been concentrating on the production of comparatively light aircraft, while researches were being conducted now for manufacturing aircraft of the highest performance in the world or even capable of out-racing those in speed, the War Office official stated.

China Purchasing Fund

A revolving fund with an annual purchasing power of Y.120,000,000 will be set up by the Japanese Army in China for the acquisition of essential raw materials, it was revealed before a budgetary sub-committee meeting in the House of Representatives today.

Purchases will be made principally of raw cotton, raw wool hemp and leather, although other commodities will also be bought in bulk at times, Government spokesmen said. The acquisitions will be made by Japanese Army divisions and their dependent units as soon as the occupation of an area is completed.

The fund, to be known as the Provisional Army Supplies Special Account, will consist of Y.10,000,000. The Account will borrow Y.50,000,000 to cope with seasonal crop movements, with the result that, in practice, a Y.60,000,000 fund will be available. Revolving twice a year, this will give the Japanese Army a Y.120,000,000 annual purchasing power for necessary supplies.

The purchases will be made at market prices by the paymasters' corps although prices may be raised when large quantities of specified products are needed, Government spokesmen said.—Domei.

Canada Makes Survey Of Arms Firms

Defence Dept. Investigates War-Time Capacities

Ottawa, Mar. 18.

The National Defence Department of Canada has surveyed 1,300 business firms with a view to assessing the potential capacity "for the production of warlike stores," according to a statement made in the House of Commons.

The statement was made in answer to a question by Mr. T. L. Church, a Toronto Conservative, as to whether Canada was undertaking a system of national registration "for defence or economic or industrial or labour purposes."

The Defence Department, it was stated, had under way a "voluntary registration of the personnel of the scientific professions."—Reuter.

Japanese Population Unhealthy

Tokyo, Mar. 18.

Dr. Kiyoshi Yamada, M.P. for Tokyo, has drawn attention in the Diet to the "serious conditions of public health" in Japan.

The picture he presented was anything but cheerful, for he alleged that no less than 70 per cent. of the whole population was afflicted with venereal disease. New cases of tuberculosis, he asserted, numbered a million a year, of whom 100,000 succumbed to the disease each year.

The prevailing high-rate of infant mortality, he went on, could also be added to records of which Japan could never be proud.—Reuter.

Detectives Will Go With King

Three Scotland Yard Chiefs Accompanying Royalty On Visit to U.S.

London, Mar. 18.

When King George and Queen Elizabeth go to Canada and the United States they will be accompanied by three of Britain's greatest detectives.

Tall burly Superintendent Albert Foster, deputy chief of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard, is the leading member of the trio. Mr. Foster, who is 49 years-old, was the man who captured that famous German spy, Carl Lody, who was executed in the Tower of London. Herr Adolf Hitler recently named a German destroyer Carl Lody.

When Mr. Foster was a sergeant, he used to act as the shadow for former President Woodrow Wilson. This was during the post-war period when the American President visited Europe to attend the various war conferences.

Accompanied King George V

During recent weeks Mr. Foster has been engaged in investigating the bomb outrages which occurred in different parts of the country and were attributed to the activities of the banned Irish Republican Army. Mr. Foster used to accompany the late King George V on industrial tours.

As deputy Chief of the Special Branch, the superintendent in effect directs this organization and the two hundred men who compose it. The Special Branch is responsible for the safety of members of the Royal Family, Ministers of State, visiting diplomats and politicians.

When the King or Prime Minister of another country visits Britain it is the duty of the Special Branch to watch closely the activities of subversive elements in the State, such as spies and anarchists. Its every day work is also concerned with watching the activities of these subversive elements.

Rides In Royal Car

The second member of the trio to accompany the King and Queen is Chief Inspector David Cameron, a tall, dark and serious-looking Scotsman, who is still in his early forties. Mr. Cameron has been with King George VI since the time when he was Duke of York. The King has a great regard for him, and considers him a personal friend. In fact the King will not have anyone else in orderly routine. Mr. Cameron always rides in the royal car.

Last of the three bodyguards is Sub-Divisional Inspector Frank Giles, formerly the bodyguard to the Duke of Windsor when he was Prince of Wales, and the Duke of Kent.

He accompanied the two brothers on their visit to Buenos Aires, and kept a dairy of their experiences during the period. The diary was kept at their request. His expert knowledge of shorthand and typing makes him very valuable. For some time he was a member of Queen Mary's bodyguard. He is tall, fair, and aged 42.

During the period of the visit to Canada and the United States the three detectives will make themselves as inconspicuous as possible. They will dress similar to the King on informal occasions.—United Press.

New Sultan of Perak Installed

31st Ruler Ascends Throne With Great Pageantry

Singapore, Mar. 18.

Swearing loyalty to Britain, 52-year-old sport-loving Sultan Abdul Aziz of the wealthy tin-producing Federated Malay State of Perak was today installed with picturesque and traditional Malay pageantry at the royal town of Kuala Kangsar.

Unlike the neighbouring State of Selangor, Perak does not crown its sultans, but installs them with ancient formula, which includes the whispering of an ancestral message in the sultan's ear by one of his major chiefs.

The Governor and High Comicissioner, Sir Shenton Thomas, proclaimed the installation, which was attended by representatives of all the Malay rulers and Perak chiefs and Malayan Government officials.

Thirty-first ruler of Perak, Sultan Abdul Aziz is a quiet, dignified Malay gentleman, with many years in the administrative service and in the high office of Raja Muda, heir to the throne. He is a keen sportsman, being particularly fond of tennis. He frequently competes in important tennis tournaments.

He is also an ardent horticulturist and at the Royal palace at Kuala Kangsar, flower houses have replaced the stables of his cousin, the late ruler, who was an enthusiastic race-horse owner. Sultan Abdul Aziz visited Britain in 1930. He toured England and Scotland and met King George V.—Reuter.

Czech Minister Will Not Surrender

Legation at Washington Not to Be Given Up

Washington, Mar. 18.

The State Department will refuse to assist the German Embassy to obtain possession of the Czech Legation, according to authoritative circles.

The Administration, these circles added, will give "complete moral backing" to the determined fight waged by M. Hurban, Czechoslovakian Minister to the United States, to prevent German occupation of the Legation premises.

The Czech Minister has refused to surrender the Czech Legation and Consulates to German representatives, on the ground that the capitulation of Dr. Emil Hacha, President of Czechoslovakia, was invalid because it was unconstitutional.—Reuter.

Japanese Destroy 1,400 Chinese Planes

Tokyo, Mar. 19.

The Japanese naval air force has destroyed more than 1,400 Chinese planes since the start of the hostilities up to the present time, Japanese naval authorities estimated yesterday.—Domei.

Co-operatives Make Progress

New Chinese Movement's 4-Point Plan To Meet Needs of Country

Chungking, Mar. 18.

An ambitious programme is being carried out by the Chinese Industrial Co-operative Movement, it was revealed by Mr. Rewey Alley, co-director of the movement, when he returned here today following an extensive tour of the co-operative centres from Kiangsi to the north-west provinces.

The movement, Mr. Alley said, aimed at:—

1. Meeting the industrial needs of the interior in wartime.
2. Helping to solve the war refugee problem.
3. Helping to solve the problem of disabled officers and soldiers.
4. Reducing the need for foreign imports.

The movement, Mr. Alley stated, hopes to form co-operatives in the guerilla zones, partly to meet the needs of the guerilla units, and partly to oppose the distribution of Japanese goods in the occupied areas.

The movement was started last Autumn, when Mr. Alley went to Hankow from Shanghai, and presented plans to Chinese leaders. General Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung were especially interested.

Five Headquarters Established

According to a spokesman for the movement, there are at present five headquarters: one for the north-west provinces, one for the south-west provinces, one for the south-eastern provinces, one for the provinces of Szechuen and Sikong, and one for Yunnan.

A total of 179 industrial co-operative societies, the spokesman said, had been formed, and it was hoped to have about 500 within two months. The movement, he declared, aimed at the formation of a total of 30,000 industrial co-operatives in China. It was planned to establish industrial co-operatives in the interior of China for the development of small industries.

Mr. Alley expressed himself as particularly impressed by the quickness of Chinese labourers in "catching on" to the idea of co-operatives, though many of them were illiterate.

Caves as Workshops

He saw in the north-west provinces Chinese girl factory workers who had been evacuated from Hankow through the efforts of Madame Chiang Kai-shek. These girls were now working happily in weaving and knitting centres situated in huge caves in the mountains of the north-west. When questioned, they unanimously voiced a desire to continue their present life rather than return to factory life in Hankow.

Some centres were doing as much as $10,000 worth of business each per day.

An appeal for further capital, Mr. Alley added, had been made for the purpose of extending the movement to all parts of China.—Reuter.

Tientsin Briton Still Captive

Reports of Release of Mr. H. F. Dyott Premature

Tientsin, Mar. 18.

Contrary to earlier reports, Mr. H. F. Dyott, 52-year-old chairman of the British Chamber of Commerce at Tientsin, is still in the hands of the three Chinese who abducted him from his home in the former German Concession here yesterday afternoon.

Misunderstanding of a telephone call from Taitaku, a village on the Tientsin-Taku road, 12 miles from here, was responsible for the incorrect news that Mr. Dyott had been freed from his captors.

What actually happened, however, was that a car containing a foreigner and three Chinese, and driven by a Chinese chauffeur, was seen at about 2.30 yesterday afternoon by Japanese sentries at Taitaku.

As it approached Taitaku, the sentries challenged the chauffeur, but instead of stopping he pressed the accelerator and sped through the gates of the village.

These details were furnished to Major C.B.H. de la Main, Brigade Major of the British forces in Tientsin, when he arrived at Taitaku with an escort of 30 Japanese soldiers in search for Mr. Dyott.

It was at first arranged that British police should search for the captive, but there was a last-minute change of plans, and Major de la Main was given the task. The 30 Japanese soldiers who accompanied him were armed with two maching-guns.

Japanese Unable to Fire

The Japanese sentries at Taitaku explained to the British officer that, having had orders not to fire at cars containing foreigners, they could not prevent the machine believed to contain Mr. Dyott from getting away. They said they immediately telephoned the next village, about six miles further, asking for details about the car, and also notified the authorities at Tientsin by telephone. It was the misunderstanding of their call which gave rise to the news that Mr. Dyott had been freed.

Major de la Main questioned the Japanese sentries and the Chinese police at Taitaku, but failed to elicit any further information. With his Japanese escort accompanying him, he went to the next village, where he was told that no car containing a foreigner had been seen.

As Major de la Main and his party were travelling between the two villages, night set in, and it was difficult to find out whether the wanted car had got off the main road, though this was considered very difficult because of the deep ditches on the sides of the highway.

Major de la Main and his party carried their investigation almost as far as Taku, but drew a complete blank, everybody saying no car had passed during the afternoon.

The British officer returned to Tientsin early this morning after having made arrangements with the Japanese guards between Taitaku and the next village to search for possible tracks of a car getting off the main road.—Reuter.

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